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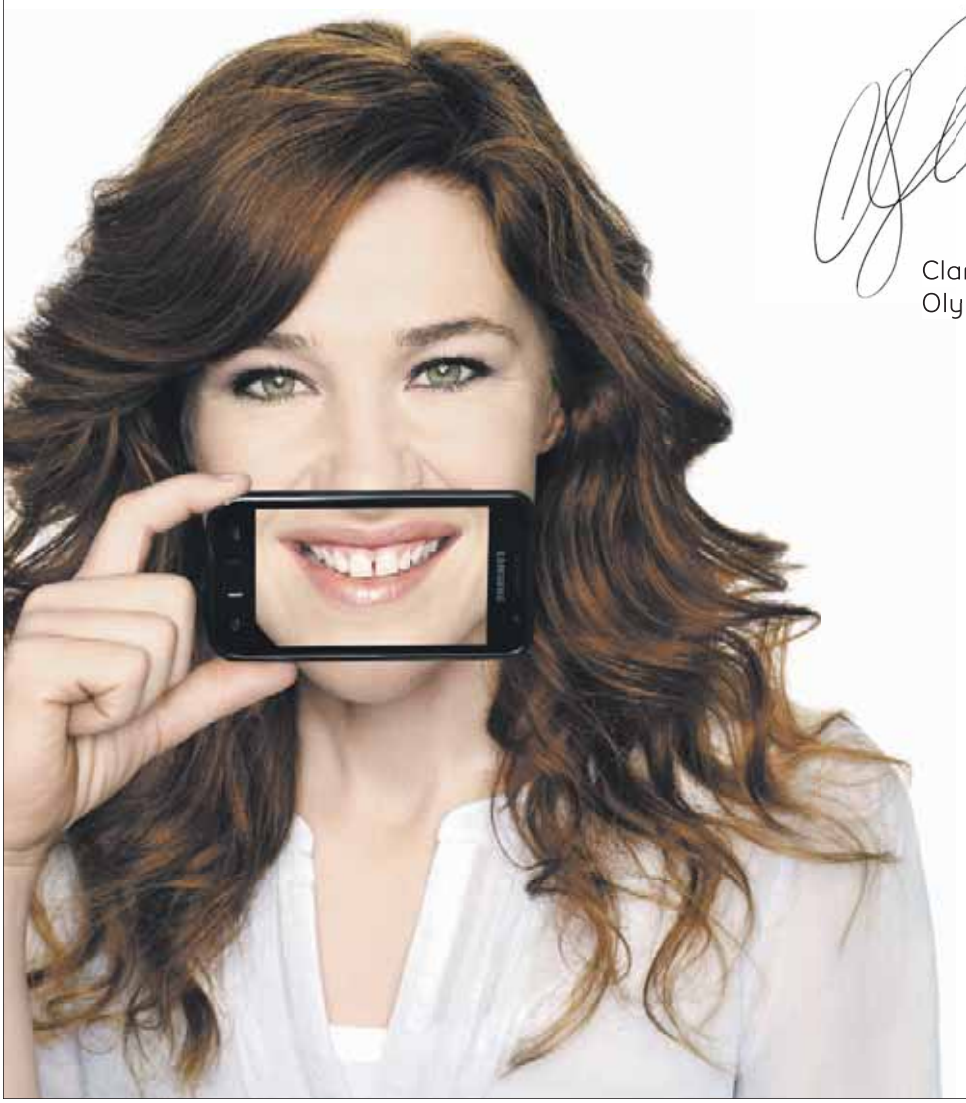

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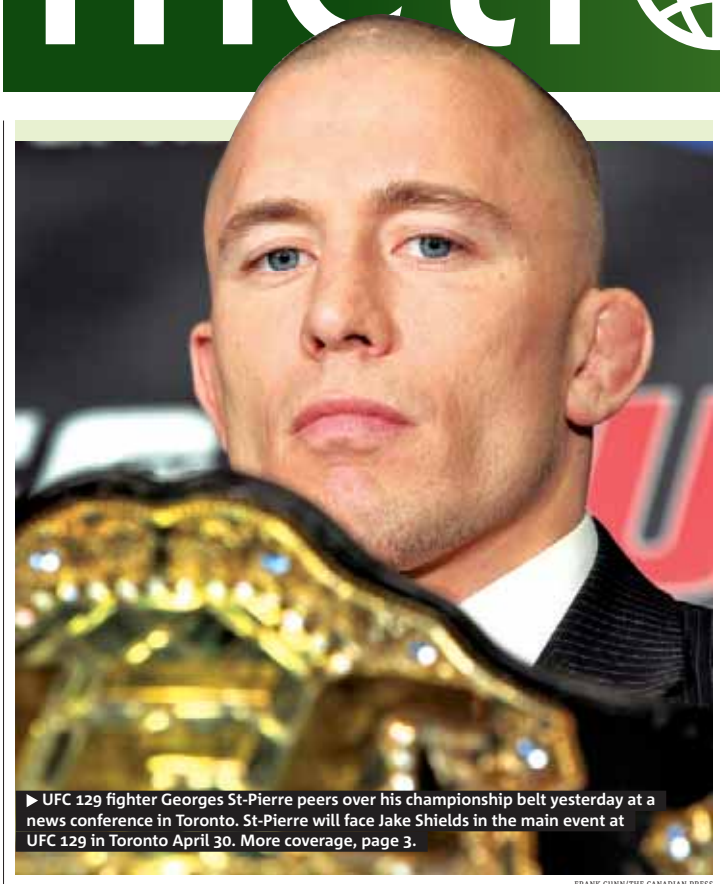

▶ UFC 129 fighter Georges St-Pierre peers over his championship belt yesterday at a news conference in Toronto. St-Pierre will face Jake Shields in the main event at UFC 129 in Toronto April 30. More coverage, page 3.

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No Rush to squish the Spider

UFC 129 will help shed light on who's the man in mixed martial arts. If Georges (Rush) St-Pierre beats Jake Shields on April 30, fans will see what happens when welterweight champion St-Pierre and middleweight title-holder Anderson (the Spider) Silva climb into the cage.

CRTC tangled in a web

Asking for your thoughts on usage-based billing {page 23}

Planets are like airplane snacks

But expect flights to take 300,000 years {page 20}

Buck a beer? Not here — McGuinty

- Premier quashes idea of lowering minimum price of a 2-4, sparked by PC Leader Tim Hudak's reminiscing
- Province says LCBO sets the price

Hopes of lowering Ontario's minimum price for beer fell flat yesterday after Premier Dalton McGuinty said jobs and the economy were far more important issues for voters in this election year.

The idea of cheap beer becoming a campaign issue started bubbling up Monday when Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak mused about missing the days of buck-a-bottle beer, last seen in 2008.

The government says the Liquor Control Board of Ontario sets the minimum price for beer, which now stands at $25.95, plus deposit, for a case of 24.

"We've brought an arm's-length, apolitical approach to dealing with the price of beer," McGuinty said after a speech to the London Chamber of Commerce.

"We're not going to get involved as politicians in finagling with that."

However, documents previously obtained by The Canadian Press under access to information legislation show it was the Ministry of Finance, not the LCBO, that pressed for higher minimum beer prices in late 2008.

"The Ministry of Finance recommends an increase to the minimum retail price for beer effective Nov. 24, 2008," says a memo distributed to LCBO board members.

Election speak

Party leader Tim Hudak never actually said a Progressive Conservative government would lower the minimum price of beer should they win the Oct. 6 election, noted the premier.

- "I see it as an interesting distraction, a bright, shiny object which is designed to attract our attention," McGuinty said.
- "But if I were Ontarians, I'd keep my eye on the fact these guys still remain unprepared to come clean on their plan for (tax) cuts," he added.

The materials given to LCBO members provided no explanation of why the new minimum price for beer was needed, how it fit with the LCBO's social responsibility mandate or how the increase was calculated.

Another document shows the Liberal government asked the LCBO to increase the price to meet requests from big brewers to raise prices.

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UFC 129 expected to be biggest yet

Set for Rogers Centre April 30

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Call it Rogers on demand, ultimate-fighting style.

Dana White, president of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, announced yesterday at a media conference that tickets for the much-anticipated mixed martial arts event in Toronto will be available to the general public Saturday.

Tickets range in price from $50 to $800. And though the Rogers Centre will be configured for about 40,000 fans, that could change — if the demand is there.

"We'll make it bigger if we have to," White told reporters.

The event is already expected to set an attendance record for mixed martial arts.

Canadians Georges St-Pierre, welterweight champion, and featherweight contender Mark Hominick were also on hand at the conference to promote their fights.

Toronto is the third Canadian city to host a UFC event.

The matchups

- Welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre (21-2) vs. Jake Shields (26-4-1).
- Featherweight champion Jose Aldo (18-1) vs. Mark Hominick (20-8).
- Randy Couture (19-10) vs. Lyoto Machida (16-2).

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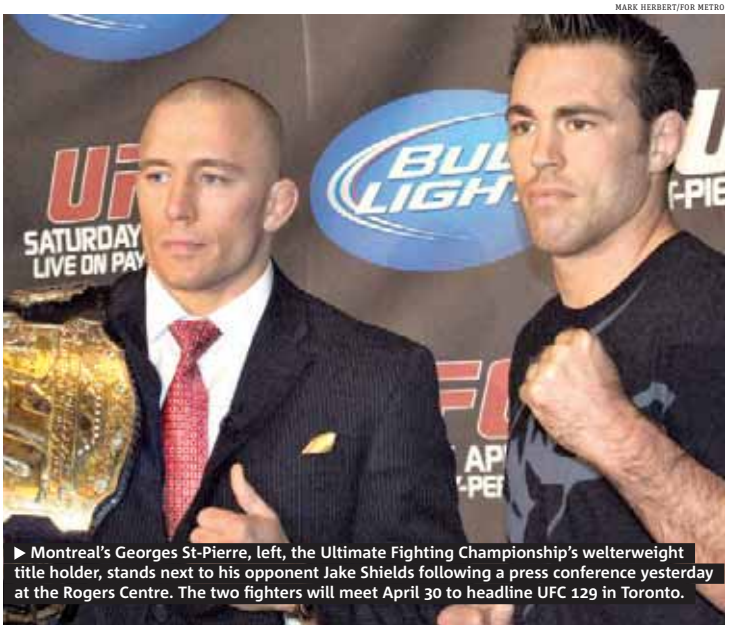

▶ Montreal's Georges St-Pierre, left, the Ultimate Fighting Championship's welterweight title holder, stands next to his opponent Jake Shields following a press conference yesterday at the Rogers Centre. The two fighters will meet April 30 to headline UFC 129 in Toronto.

St-Pierre not letting his Shields down

Many UFC fans may be looking ahead to St-Pierre vs. Silva, but GSP refuses to look beyond St-Pierre vs. Shields.

Montreal's Georges St-Pierre will face Jake Shields in the main event of UFC 129 at Rogers Centre April 30. Although many UFC followers anticipate a future super-fight against middleweight champion Anderson Silva, St-Pierre is not taking Shields lightly.

"He's different than all the guys I fought recently," St-Pierre said about Shields, who has a record of 26-4-1. "He doesn't have only one big weapon. That's why he's very dangerous for me."

St-Pierre (21-2), has successfully defended his welterweight title five times and is looking to win his second consecutive bout on Canadian soil, following a five-round unanimous decision over Josh Koscheck at UFC 124 in Montreal on Dec. 12.

MARK HERBERT

News in brief

Rapper denies killing teen

CRIME. A Toronto rapper wanted in the shooting death of a teen denies the murder charge in a YouTube video. Police are urging Pierre Oliver Ellis, 23, to turn himself in on a first-degree murder charge in the case of 16-year-old Keyon Campbell, who was shot to death on his front porch Dec. 2, 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boy accused of assaulting teacher

CHARGED. Toronto police have charged a 14-year-old student with assault with a weapon after he allegedly threw a chair at his teacher at Bendall Business and Technical Institute. The teacher was not seriously injured.

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Return of the spaces

Rookie Ward 18 councillor undoes predecessor's parking-spot removal
Business owners relieved

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Rush-hour parking is set to return to Dundas Street West after rookie Coun. Ana Bailao's successful push to have it reinstated.

Bailao called it a victory for residents and business owners in the area. "They have a councillor that's going to work with them and listen to them, and in this case we all wanted the same thing," she said.

Previous Ward 18 councillor Adam Giambrone's elimination of rush-hour parking spaces on Dundas was met with outrage by some local entrepreneurs.

"Someone had lost a screw or something, because that's insane for something like that to happen to a business-oriented street," said Robert Cavral, owner of Robert Automotive Supply and Hardware at 1375 Dundas St. W.

▶ Bailao

Cavral said his store, which has been in business for 37 years, suffered from the lack of parking and he's happy Bailao brought it back: "All the power to her. I think she's doing the right thing and I stand behind her 100 per cent."

Some residents were also concerned with the potential dangers that came with more traffic.

"It became a highway, and there are too many residences on Dundas for it to be a highway," said Lori Nytko, owner of Full of Beans coffee house at 1348 Dundas St. W. Nytko said the parking will slow down drivers and keep residents safe.

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▶ Dundas Street West is expected to have rush-hour parking again by the end of February.

Timeline

- In November 2009, Adam Giambrone, then Ward 18 councillor, removed 70 parking spaces on Dundas, between Sterling and Dovercourt, to alleviate rush-hour pressure on streetcars.
- Bailao took over for Giambrone after winning the Ward 18 seat in the 2010 municipal elections. Her request to restore the parking spaces was unanimously approved by community council Jan. 18.
- City hall approved Bailao's request late Monday night. The spaces are set to be back in use by month's end.

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Charity. Launch

▶ Juno-winning singer and CANFAR youth ambassador Keisha Chanté signs a giant heart at Riverdale Collegiate on Gerrard Street yesterday to kick off Have a Heart for CANFAR.

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Students out to prove they have heart

During the Have a Heart campaign, students at high schools across the country will be selling heart-o-grams to raise funds for HIV/AIDS research.

Bell wants real talk on real issue

Bell Canada hopes to bring awareness to growing mental-health concerns across the country with its Let's Talk initiative, which kicks off today.

For every text message sent and long-distance call made by Bell customers today, Bell will contribute five cents toward mental-health programs. The aim is to remove the stigma that often accompanies mental-health problems.

"If there are more Bell customers making long-distance calls and texting on the day, then we've taken an important first step in reducing stigma and raising awareness," said Mary Deacon, chair of Bell's mental-health initiative.

Talk it out

For more information, visit letstalk.bell.ca, or search for Bell Let's Talk Day on Facebook.

A Canadian Medical Association poll found that only 50 per cent of Canadians will tell a friend that a family member has a mental illness, while 72 per cent would disclose a cancer diagnosis.

The same poll has about 46 per cent of Canadians saying they think the term "mental illness" is used as an excuse for bad behaviour.

Leading Bell Let's Talk campaign is Clara Hughes, an Olympic medallist and community activist who has opened up about her battle with depression.

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At last, chalk up a 'win' for David Miller

He gets a gong for some award-winning waste ◗ G20 summit derided as a 'political chin-wag'

So you thought last summer's billion-dollar G20 summit that paralyzed Toronto's core was a waste of time and money?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation agrees with you.

It has given both the G8 and G20 summits a spoof award — for waste.

Remember former mayor David Miller? He has won a lifetime achievement award — for waste.

"Miller grew the city's operating budget by 44 per cent, $2.8 billion, increased the city's debt by more than $1 billion and increased property taxes every year well beyond the rate of inflation," said the group's Kevin Gaudet.

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Step forward ...

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation annually hands out the Teddy Waste Awards for the "best of the worst in government waste." This year:

- Ontario got the provincial Teddy for paying an estimated $56 million in severance for tax bureaucrats who didn't actually lose their jobs.
- Edmonton was cited for spending $5,000 on a contest for the best haiku about riding the bus.
- The awards are named after Ted Weatherill, a federal bureaucrat fired over outrageous expenses.

Campus. The cutting edge

▶ Graeme Corrigan says "it's a great idea" to help others.

DAVE STARRETT/FOR METRO

Yes, Graeme is a hair-o

Graeme Corrigan, a 22-year-old Ryerson arts and contemporary studies student, takes time from his schoolwork yesterday to have his head shaved for charity — with the help of school mascot Eggy the Ram. The event, sponsored by You Don't Know Jack, raised funds for Habitat for Humanity.

Hero officer's name lives on ... in a park

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▶ Sgt. Ryan Russell

Toronto city council has voted in favour of a motion to rename a park after the police officer killed when he was run over by a stolen snowplow.

Coun. Adam Vaughan made the motion to rename the Dupont Parkette on Avenue Road after Sgt. Ryan Russell.

It's now up to the Toronto and East York community council to approve the name change.

Russell was killed Jan. 12 trying to stop the stolen snowplow, which had led police on a chase through snowy streets.

Richard Kachkar, 44, is charged with first-degree murder in Russell's death.

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Drivers talk themselves into trouble

46,000

Police across Ontario have handed out 46,000 tickets to drivers using cellphones since the ban began.

York Region police handed out 211 tickets during a recent three-day blitz targeting drivers using hand-held cellphones.

The blitz began Feb. 1, the one-year anniversary of new legislation prohibiting the use of all hand-held communication devices behind the wheel.

Sgt. Edmond Villamere said it's "shocking" to see drivers using them, especially during bad weather.

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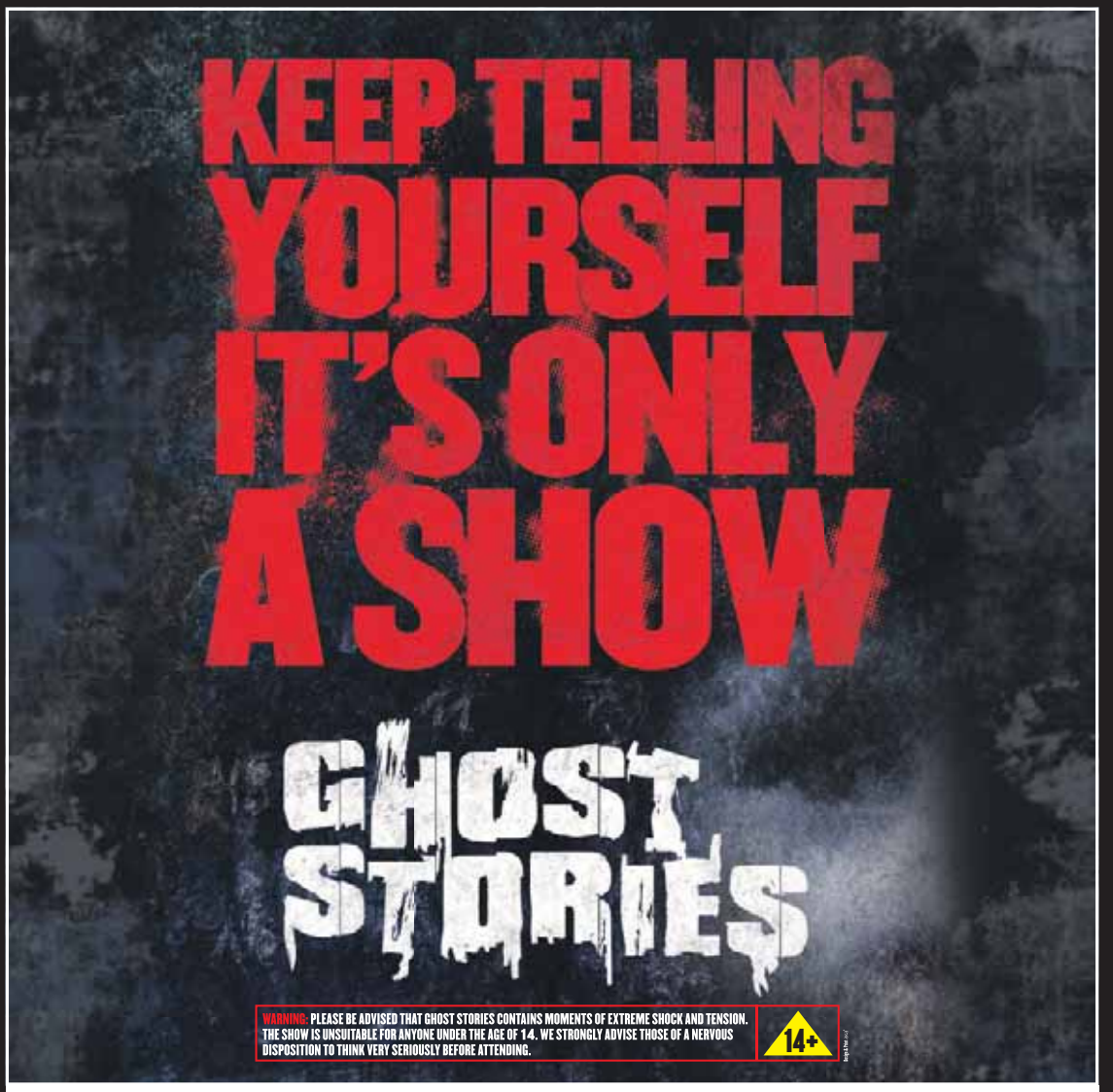
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Russian president wants to control time

President Dmitry Medvedev wants Russia to observe daylight time year-round.

Under Medvedev's idea, Russia will move its clocks forward one hour at the end of March as is done in Western Europe. But when European clocks fall back in the fall, Russia's would stay where they are.

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Police probe elderly lady's death

Police are conducting a homicide investigation after a 92-year-old woman died Saturday, about one month after a nursing home in Halifax says she was injured in a fall when she was pushed by another resident in its dementia unit. In a statement released yesterday, the Arborstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home said the woman fell and was injured in the incident Jan. 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No location set for accused killer's trial

The accused killer of eight-year-old Tori Stafford was remanded in custody until April yesterday amid uncertainty as to where his first-degree murder trial will be held.

Following two days of pre-trial hearings, the only certainty that emerged was that Michael Rafferty will not be tried in the town in which Tori was kidnapped and killed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demand. 40 per cent raise

▶ Quebec Crown prosecutors walk the picket line yesterday at a courthouse in Montreal, as they begin a strike to press demands for wage increases.

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Leaving the courtrooms empty

With contract talks at an impasse, Crown prosecutors and government lawyers went on strike yesterday in Quebec. Prosecutors want their salaries to grow enough to be comparable with those of counterparts elsewhere in Canada.

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RCMP boss a longtime bully: Senior Mountie

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▶ William Elliott

A senior RCMP officer says morale sank so low under Commissioner William Elliott that he had to take a stand against his boss's bullying.

Elliott's abusive behaviour began when he became top Mountie in 2007 and boiled over last summer into a public furor, Raf Souccar told the Commons public safety committee yesterday.

Souccar said the commissioner — who plans to leave the force this summer — would embarrass and humiliate members in group settings. Senior managers would walk into Souccar's office to complain, "some in tears"

He spoke to Elliott and emailed him "to try to get him to be more respectful."

Despite Elliott's admissions that his outbursts had caused friction, "he either refused to change or could not change," Souccar said.

He told the MPs he was not willing to stand by and see the core Mountie values of respect and compassion be trampled.

In October, Elliott admitted there were problems.

"I have made mistakes, I do have shortcomings," he told a news conference. "I certainly acknowledge that I need to find ways that are more constructive to deal with situations, to deal with people and to deal with my own frustrations."

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Father dead, twins' family filled with fear

Money withdrawn from bank, but where are the two little girls? 'We are scared something bad happened'

Family members were discouraged yesterday about the odds of finding two missing Swiss girls alive, after discovering their Canadian-born father mailed away thousands of euros rather than hire daycare before apparently killing himself.

The six-year-old girls' uncle, Dr. Valerio Lucidi, told reporters outside the girls' home in a suburb of Lausanne, Switzerland, that every passing minute is filled with fear.

He said the family's hopes have dimmed since police found that the girls' father, Matthias Schepp, withdrew 7,000 euros in Marseilles, but apparently did not use the money to provide some sort of care for missing twins Alessia and Livia.

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▶ A police officer shows photos of the missing twins.

"This worries us a lot … because it shows there is no caregiver," said the Belgian surgeon, whose sister, Irina, is the girls' mother.

"We are really scared that something bad happened."

Schepp's body was found in southern Italy last Thursday, and police believe he threw himself under a train.

The couple was separated, and Schepp had picked up the girls to spend the last weekend in January with him.

Both girls are blond and wear glasses.

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Flaherty looks like a penny pincher

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the penny's future is likely not a shiny one.

He says the coin "probably doesn't have that great a future," calling it a "nuisance" to many people.

Flaherty said he has read a Senate committee report recommending the penny be scrapped, and his department has looked into the question.

But he said he's not ready to declare the penny dead just yet, adding the government has not made a decision on its future.

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The Desjardins Group has calculated production, transport and other expenses associated with the penny cost the economy $130 million per year.

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▶ Former Liberian president Charles Taylor argues with a photographer yesterday in the war crimes courtroom.

EX-LIBERIAN PRESIDENT

TAYLOR BOYCOTTS WAR CRIMES COURT

Charles Taylor's war crimes trial is ending the way it began — with the former Liberian president boycotting proceedings.

Taylor's British attorney Courtenay Griffiths stormed out of the courtroom in the Netherlands yesterday after judges refused to accept a 600-page document that distills three years of testimony from the defence's perspective.

Taylor briefly stayed in his seat but later refused to return to the courtroom after a break.

Taylor has pleaded innocent to 11 charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Prosecutors say he armed and supported rebels responsible for the worst atrocities of Sierra Leone's civil war, which left tens of thousands of people dead and many more mutilated after enemy fighters hacked off their limbs, noses or lips.

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Suicide at gravesite

Top soldier linked to Philippines corruption probe held gun to chest

A former military chief apparently committed suicide yesterday at his mother's grave.

It was a dramatic twist in a scandal over accusations that top Philippine generals skimmed money from the army to fund a lavish lifestyle.

Retired Gen. Angelo Reyes, 65, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Manila hospital from a single gunshot wound in the chest, said Health Secretary Enrique Ona.

Reyes was at the centre of a congressional probe into one of the biggest corruption scandals to hit the Philippine armed forces.

"It appears ... it was self-inflicted."
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Cemetery worker Feliciano Recorba said he saw Reyes standing near his mother's grave as his two sons and bodyguards waited in their parked car. He saw Reyes holding a pistol close to his chest moments before the shot rang out.

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▶ Police check a cemetery near Manila.

'FLYING GIZI'

Thief, 84, is busted again

Hungary's octogenarian thief is not ready for retirement.

Police say the 84-year-old woman, known as "Flying Gizi," is again in custody for suspected theft.

Fejer County Police spokesperson Agnes Szabo said yesterday the burglar, whose real name is Gizella Bodnar, is suspected of taking money from a home in Bicske, a town in central Hungary.

Bodnar, who has spent nearly 18 years in prison, got her nickname because she enjoyed taking domestic commercial flights after successful break-ins.

This time she got only as far as the Bicske train station before police found her and cash she took from a wallet on a living room table.

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Historic shrine hit by shrapnel

A historic temple that was the scene of artillery battles between Cambodia and Thailand appears to have suffered minimal damage, as journalists used a fragile truce yesterday to inspect the site.

Four days of shelling in the disputed border region blackened hillsides surrounding Preah Vihear temple in Cambodia and shrapnel from the blasts chipped away at some of the sanctuary's ancient walls.

But the damage was light and the structure remained intact.

Cambodian officials said over the weekend that Thai artillery collapsed "a wing" of the temple, but Thai officials dismissed the account as propaganda.

Cambodian troops used a shaky ceasefire yesterday to dig fresh positions and stack sandbags around the temple, which was awarded to Cambodia in a 1962 World Court ruling that many Thais dispute.

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Border war

Cambodia and Thailand have clashed several times in the area since 2008, when the UN declared Preah Vihear a World Heritage site.

- The latest skirmishes were the most intense yet, marking the first time artillery and mortars have been used.
- At least seven people have died in the clashes that began Friday.

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▶ A bottle of beer that was retrieved last summer from a shipwreck in the Aland archipelago is photographed yesterday.

Scientists working to uncover secrets of lasting brew

Yeast cells detected under microscope Beer may be one of the world's oldest preserved suds

Finnish scientists are analyzing a golden, cloudy beverage found in a 19th-century shipwreck at the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

The VTT Technical Research Center of Finland said yesterday that through chemical analysis it aims to determine the ingredients and possibly the recipe in what it called "one of the world's oldest preserved beers."

VTT scientist Arvi Vilpola said he had "the honourable task" of being the one to sample the brew.

"It was a little sour and you could taste the saltiness of it slightly," he said.

Divers found the five beer bottles while salvaging champagne from the wreck near Finland's Aland Islands last July. "It would good to get the ingredients so that breweries could re-brew a new product from it," said Rainer Jusslin, of the provincial Aland government.

Meanwhile, divers recovered 168 bottles of champagne from the wreck — of the brands Veuve Clicquot and the now-defunct Juglar.

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▶ Inderjit Singh Reyat

Perjurer seeks appeal

1985 tragedy on an Air India flight saw 329 people perish after explosion

The only man convicted in the Air India bombing trial is appealing his perjury conviction and nine-year sentence.

Inderjit Singh Reyat says in his notice of appeal that the judge erred in law, misdirected the jury and failed to tell jurors there was no evidence to support portions of the Crown's closing address.

Reyat said the sentence imposed Jan. 7 was "harsh and excessive."

Reyat was convicted last November for lying 19 times in September 2003 at the trial of Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri.

His testimony was part of a deal that saw him plead guilty to manslaughter in the deaths of the people aboard the Air India Flight on June 23, 1985.

Also taken into consideration was the fact Reyat had already served a decade behind bars for the deaths of two Tokyo baggage handlers on the same day.

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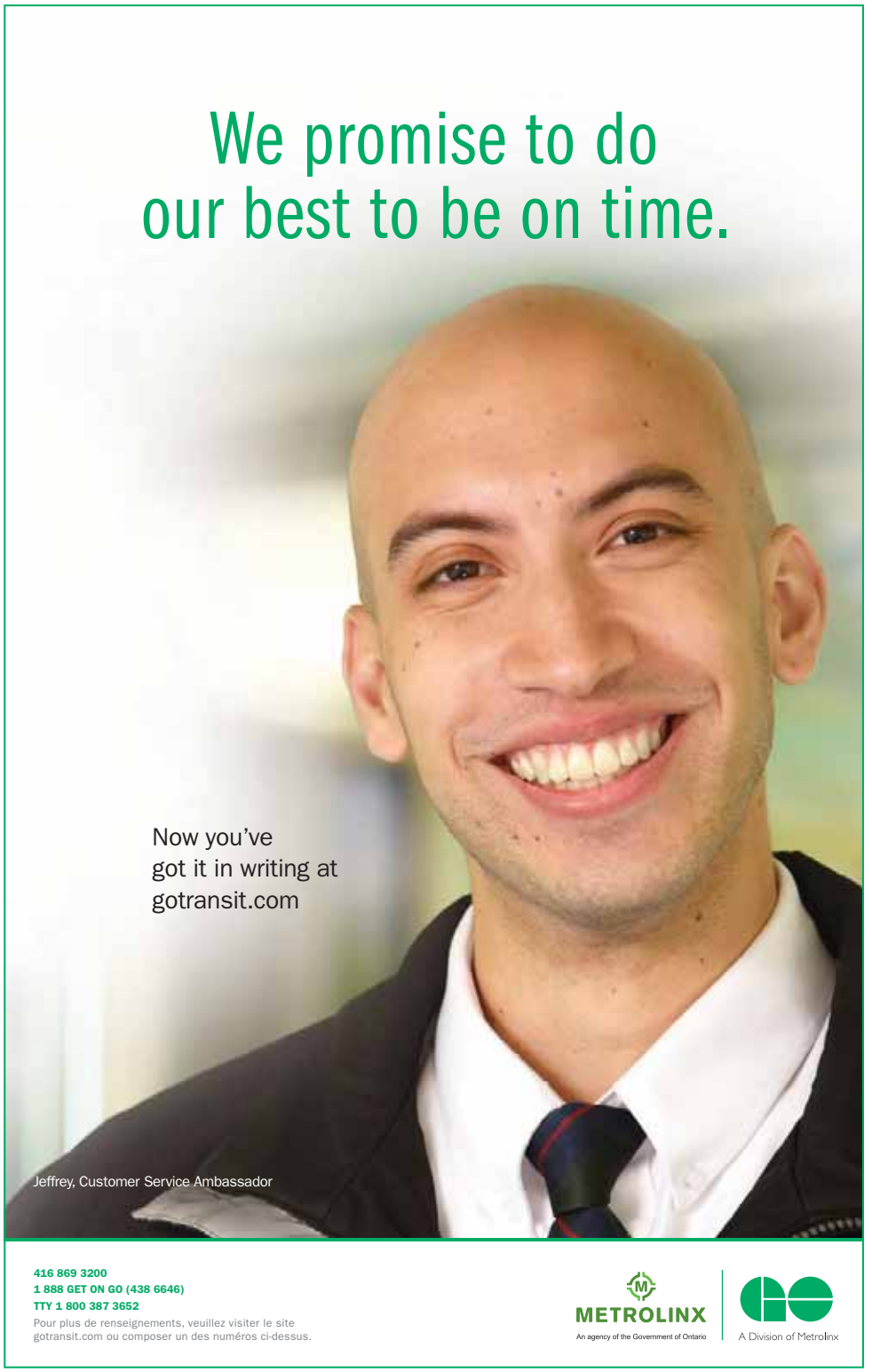
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B.C. seeks new model for regulator

Markets

Canada is the only country in the G20 without a national securities regulator.

▶ Provinces say Ottawa will be overstepping its bounds in forming a centralized watchdog for Canada's capital markets.

The B.C. government says it will not back Ottawa's proposed legislation to create a national securities regulator.

Provincial Finance Minister Colin Hansen said yesterday the province supports the concept of a national securities regulator, but only through a co-operative model.

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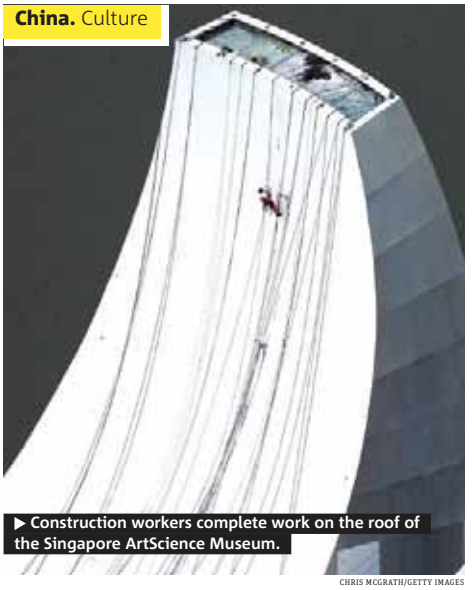

▶ Construction workers complete work on the roof of the Singapore ArtScience Museum.

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Interest rise no surprise: Minister

Jim Flaherty also slams Liberal opposition to corporate tax cut

Interest rates are going up, and the federal finance minister says he expects them to go up even more.

The Royal Bank increased several of its posted and special mortgage rates yesterday, joining TD Bank and CIBC.

All three banks have increased the posted rate for a five-year closed mortgage by a quarter of a percentage point, to 5.44 per cent.

RBC also raised its special fixed rate offer for a five-year closed mortgage by the same percentage amount, to 4.39 per cent.

"We're likely to see higher interest rates as we go forward because interest rates are still very low."
FINANCE MINISTER JIM FLAHERTY

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he's not surprised.

"The recent increase by a couple of the banks is exactly what we expected," Flaherty told reporters in the foyer of the House of Commons.

And more increases should be coming, Flaherty predicted, since lending rates have been hovering close to historic lows.

Speaking yesterday, the minister also denounced a Liberal opposition day motion on the economy.

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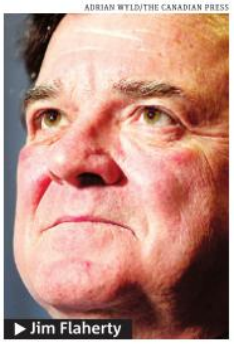

▶ Jim Flaherty

India. Marriage

▶ Indian relatives of a newlywed couple carry them as per rituals during their celebration mass.

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Romance blossoms in spring

Thousands of couples tie the knot on the Indian celebration of Basant Panchami, or spring festival, each year as it is considered auspicious. The couple pictured above are members of the Pipa Kshatriya Darji community from the Indian state of Rajasthan.

Revised forecast for home sales

Canadian home sales this year will be better than previously thought, helped by improving consumer confidence that will partially offset anticipated interest rate hikes that deter some buyers, the Canadian Real Estate Association predicts.

1.6 CREA released a revised forecast that estimates there will be 439,900 existing homes sold in 2011, down 1.6 per cent from 2010.

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Leader's release spurs Cairo crowd

Protests turned from 'the revolution of the Internet youth ... to the revolution of Egypt': Online organizer

A young leader of Egypt's anti-government protesters, newly released from detention, joined a massive crowd in Cairo's Tahrir Square for the first time yesterday and was greeted with cheers, whistling and thunderous applause when he declared: "We will not abandon our demand and that is the departure of the regime."

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▶ Wael Ghonim

Many in the crowd said they were inspired by Wael Ghonim, the 30-year-old Google Inc. marketing manager who was a key organizer of the online campaign that sparked the first protest Jan. 25 to demand the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak. Straight from his release from 12 days of detention, Ghonim gave an emotionally charged television interview Monday night where he sobbed over those who have been killed in two weeks of clashes and insisted, "We love Egypt ... and we have rights."

Ghonim arrived in the square when it was packed shoulder-to-shoulder, a crowd comparable in size to the biggest demonstration so far that drew a quarter-million people. He spoke softly and briefly to the huge crowd from a stage and began by offering his condolences to the families of those killed.

"I'm not a hero but those who were martyred are the heroes," he said and then broke into a chant of "Mubarak, leave, leave." When he finished, the crowd erupted in cheering, whistling and deafening applause.

Ghonim has emerged as a rallying point for protesters, who reject a group of traditional Egyptian opposition groups that have met with the government amid the most sweeping concessions the regime has made in its three decades in power.

Vice-President Omar Suleiman yesterday made a new gesture, declaring a panel of judges and scholars to recommend constitutional changes within a month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airline. Grievances

▶ Employees of Pakistan International Airlines scuffle with each other yesterday over differences while on strike at Karachi airport in Pakistan.

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Strike a blow for Pakistan flights

Employees at Pakistan's state-owned airline went on strike in protest against a proposed route-sharing agreement with Turkish Airlines, an airline spokesman said. The move grounded two international and four domestic flights.

Authoritarianism

Syrians get social sites

Syria has escaped the kind of popular upheaval roiling other Arab countries.

- An online campaign calling for a "Day of Rage" against Assad's authoritarian regime last weekend fell flat when no protesters showed up in Damascus.
- Assad told the Wall Street Journal in an interview that he will seek to push through political reforms.
- Still, he keeps a tight lid on any form of political dissent, closely controls the media and routinely jails critics of the regime.

Internet users in Syria said yesterday that Facebook and YouTube were available for the first time in three years amid signs Damascus may be lifting its ban on the popular social networking websites.

The Syrian government does not comment on its Internet restrictions. But several web users in Syria told The Associated Press yesterday that the sites were accessible for the first time in years without having to tunnel through proxy servers. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

The head of the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression, Mazen Darwish, said he has "semiofficial confirmation" the ban is being lifted. He did not elaborate.

The gesture could be seen as a concession to stave off unrest following popular uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia. But it is not a major compromise by President Bashar Assad, as many Syrians accessed the sites anyway using proxy servers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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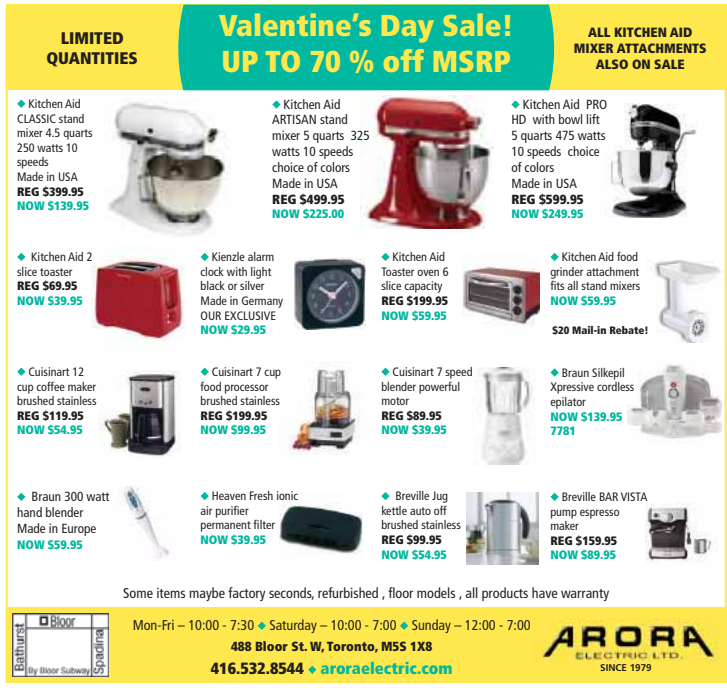
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Obama paves the way for high-speed rail

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▶ The White House says U.S. President Barack Obama will call for an initial $8-billion investment in the budget he is set to release next week.

U.S. president sets out goal of giving 80 per cent of Americans access to high-speed rail in 25 years

U.S. President Barack Obama is calling for a six-year, $53-billion investment in high-speed rail as he seeks to use infrastructure spending to create jobs.

The White House said Obama will call for an initial $8-billion investment in the budget he is set to release next week.

Obama set a goal in his state of the union address of giving 80 per cent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years.

If Congress approves Obama's budget, the initial rail spending would focus on developing or improving trains that travel up to 250 miles per hour, and connecting existing rail lines to new projects.

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood were said to have announced the initiative during an event yesterday in Philadelphia.

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Memoir reveals timely plot

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▶ Donald H. Rumsfeld

Former U.S. defence secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld reveals in his new book that he urged a U.S. military strike on a suspected chemical weapons site in northern Iraq in 2003, and that he wanted the attack timed to coincide with Colin Powell's address to the UN Security Council making the case for war.

In his memoir, Known And Unknown, Rumsfeld wrote that the Joint Chiefs of staff supported a strike, based on what Rumsfeld called extensive but not conclusive CIA evidence that the site housed an underground facility for testing chemical weapons.

The pre-war attack never happened.

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BUTT OUT

Obama nixed smoking, wife says

U.S. President Barack Obama finally has kicked the smoking habit, Michelle Obama said yesterday.

"Yes, he has," she told reporters at the White House when asked whether her husband had finally done what millions of Americans cannot seem to do and quit smoking. "It's been almost a year."

She said she did not know exactly when he quit "because he never smoked a lot" and she never saw him light up.

The issue of Obama's smoking last surfaced in December, when press secretary Robert Gibbs was asked about it and said he had not seen Obama smoke in nine months. That would have put Obama's final puffs somewhere in March.

Michelle Obama said their daughters are getting to an age where he wants to be able to look them in the face and deny it should they decide to ask him whether he smokes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NL premier gets police protection

The premier of Newfoundland and Labrador is under police protection after some "incidents," her office has confirmed.

Premier Kathy Dunderdale "is using security services provided by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, as have other premiers before her," said a statement.

"A couple of incidents … have underscored the need for security."

Then-premier Danny Williams added security at the legislature during tense negotiations with crab producers in 2005.

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Wiki chief fights back

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▶ Julian Assange arrives at a London court yesterday, flanked by a security man.

Sex crimes case called illegal

Julian Assange's lawyer and a Swedish legal expert yesterday accused Swedish prosecutors of irregularities and illegality in the way they built a sex crimes case against the WikiLeaks founder.

Assange was in a London courtroom for a second day, fighting extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over claims of rape and sexual molestation made by two Swedish women.

His lawyers argue that the global publicity surrounding the case and the Swedish custom of hearing rape cases behind closed doors mean he would not get a fair trial.

Assange is accused of sexually assaulting one woman and raping another by having sex with her while she was asleep during a weeklong visit to Stockholm in August.

The judge can take weeks to issue a ruling.

"The case is one of the weakest I have ever seen in my professional career."
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PAUL SULLIVAN

As life on this planet gets more depressing, news that the Kepler space telescope has found another 1,200 planets, nearly tripling the known planet population, is good news indeed.

It wasn't too long ago, 1995, in fact, when the idea of finding planets outside our own solar system was science fiction, so even if you wanted to boldly go where no one has gone before, you couldn't.

But since then planets have proven as prolific as peanuts, and the space-based Kepler scope, launched in 2009, has found more than 1,200. And here's big news: 54 of them are in the so-called Goldilocks zone, not so hot that we'll fry like bird poop on the roof of a car on a sizzling summer day, not so cold that it's perpetually Jan. 27 in Winnipeg, but just right. Mild enough to hang out, watch the stars, and wonder if ET's doing the same thing on Planet Cubic Zirconium.

More good news. Kepler can view about one per cent of the sky. If it could see the whole enchilada, it could identify another 400,000 planets, many of them habitable by humans.

We've fouled our own nest so badly that even the notion of a second chance is welcome relief. Just imagine, a new home without Kim Kardashian or Donald Trump, where we can start replacing indigenous inhabitants right away!

"Just imagine, a new home without Kim Kardashian or Donald Trump ..."

It's a good idea not to get too carried away. That the planets in question exist at all is based on mainly circumstantial evidence, and using current technology, it would take a zillion years to get there (300,000 to be precise). But the point is, there's now a "there." We've got something to shoot for.

Humans are a resourceful bunch. Columbus thought he would find a passage to India; instead, he found a "new world" and exploited the indigenous people there instead. Smiles all around, except, of course, for the exploited indigenous peoples.

Even if we never get there, planets fire the imagination. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn have turned out to be big disappointments, ET-wise, but no matter. Now we have at least 54 new outlets for our ridiculous notions of alien beings, and that should be enough to keep our minds expanded for generations to come.

Getting there is half the fun. It's time to cue the geeks, stock up on their favourite snacks, and get them planning the warp drive that will get us there, faster than it takes Capt. Jean-Picard (the thinking man's Star Trek captain) to say: "Make it so."

Look out galaxy, here we come ...

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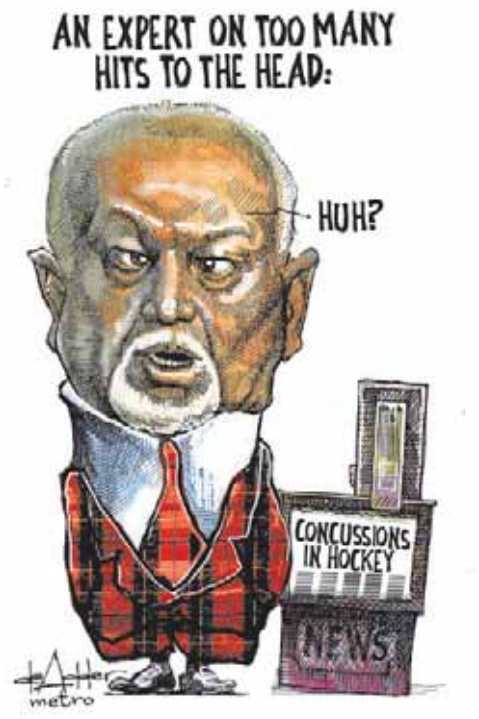

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We asked: What is your favourite podcast?

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Metro Minute at Victoria's Secret

Hey, guys. You know that date on your kitchen wall calendar that your girlfriend covered in red hearts until the pen broke through to March? Yes, your instinct was right. She *is* trying to tell you something.

So here's what you do. Plan something. It doesn't have to be big. If it does, you may want to reassess your relationship because you're dating Veruca Salt.

A nice meal. Some flowers. Perhaps a little token of your love. Here's an idea: Head to Victoria's Secret at the Eaton Centre today from 4-6 p.m. You pick out something for her, plus you get to meet supermodel Chanel Iman. Everybody wins!

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TMX Group spokesperson Carolyn Quick said late yesterday the companies are considering a deal that would be a merger of equals.

Any share exchange ratio would be close to the current market value of each company, giving the new firm a value of more than $6 billion Cdn and giving LSE shareholders a little more than 50 per cent of the combined company. The TMX Group is valued at $2.99 billion Cdn, while the London group's value is slightly higher at approximately $3.25 billion Cdn.

The TMX Group says executives in the new company would be taken from senior leadership at both companies and be co-headquartered in Toronto and London.

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Japan. Jobs shortage is something to shout about

▶ With cheerleaders shouting encouragement, more than 1,000 young Japanese trying to break into the job market hold a pep rally in Tokyo yesterday to underscore what officials say is the bleakest employment outlook Japan has faced in years. A record one-third of Japanese university students graduating this spring have not found jobs, says an official survey. "It's a very tough situation, but I won't give up," said student Misato Shinotsuka, 19.

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Let off steam about web bills

- CRTC wants your feedback about higher costs for heavy Internet users
- Tories have vowed to slap down plan
- Comment until April 29

The CRTC is calling for public feedback on its controversial policy on usage-based Internet billing, a plan that would allow providers to charge heavy Internet users more.

The federal telecom regulator said last week it would delay a reform that was originally to take effect March 1, while the policy is reviewed.

The CRTC added yesterday it wants the public to suggest how to balance the needs of consumers and Internet service providers, both small and large.

The regulator's previous decision was criticized as being unfair to small Internet service providers and their customers.

"The great concern expressed by Canadians over this issue is telling of how much the Internet has become an integral part of their lives."
KONRAD VON FINCKENSTEIN, CRTC CHAIRMAN

The CRTC had given major Internet providers permission to change their billing practices for wholesale service to the smaller providers.

Critics of usage-based billing say it would put small ISPs at a disadvantage while defenders of the plan say heavy Internet users shouldn't get unlimited service.

CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said yesterday ordinary consumers shouldn't have to indirectly subsidize the bandwidth used by the heaviest residential consumers.

He also said it's in the best interest of consumers that small Internet service providers continue to offer a competitive alternative to major providers.

"With these principles in mind, we will be reviewing our decisions with fresh eyes and look forward to hearing the views of Canadians," Von Finckenstein said.

Industry Minister Tony Clement has said if the CRTC comes back with the same plan, it will be overruled.

The CRTC said yesterday interested parties can make comments to the commission until April 29.

Among the questions it wants to address is: "Whether the CRTC should set a minimum threshold level for the sale of bandwidth by large distributors to the small ISPs and, if so, what should it be."

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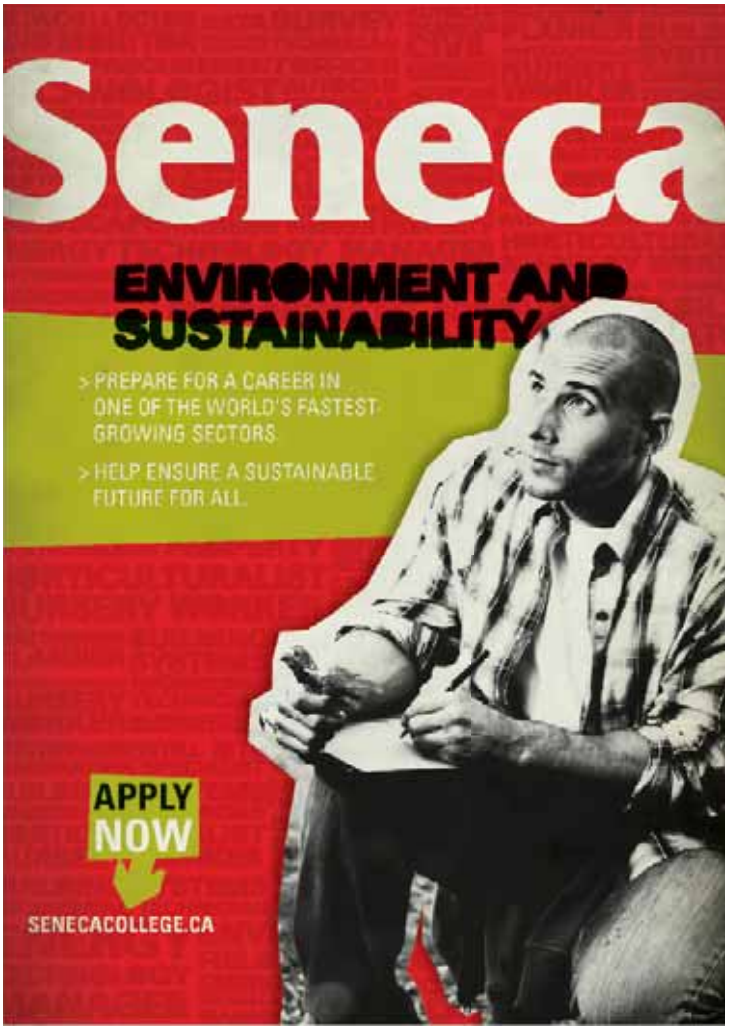
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Scene in brief

There is no doubt that Justin Bieber is everywhere, from the latest Best Buy Super Bowl ad to the film Justin Bieber: Never Say Never. Now he's about to come back to Earth: MAD magazine's longtime public face, Alfred E. Neuman — with his big ears and goofy grin — sports a Bieberesque bowl of hair on the cover of the Feb. 16 issue. The headlines: Justin Bieber. "HIS STUPID HAIR!" "HIS DUMB BOOK!".

Michael Moore sues over Fahrenheit 9/11 documentary.

▶ Bell learned Gaelic to play a Scottish slave.

Extreme acting for an epic role

As a slave in the Roman epic The Eagle, Jamie Bell had to immerse himself in the role — literally

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Jamie Bell learned that the tale of a Roman soldier (Channing Tatum) and native slave (Bell) hiking into the wilds of Scotland in search of a lost legion wasn't exactly going to be a simple walk in the country. Bell spoke with Metro about tempting hypothermia, mastering Gaelic and avoiding the gym.

How much Gaelic do you actually speak?
I don't even really remember my lines from the film, but in terms of what we had to learn it was pretty extensive. There were a fair few scenes there, a couple of pages of dialogue that you have to be pretty fluent and pretty authentic and believable when you come to actually shoot it. I had to learn it phonetically, kind of similar to how I would learn an accent. It's very obvious when it goes wrong because it does not sound like Gaelic. It sounds like gobbledygook.

The shoot for this was pretty physically demanding, wasn't it?
Toward the end of the film, there was lots of stuff where we were flowing down these rivers and falling down into some of the coldest water you can possibly imagine. This water when you get into it, it crushes your chest and it's really difficult to get your breath, and your heart rate goes crazy. Your brain is kind of spinning and sending you messages, going, "You know, if you don't get out of this water, you're going to die." I only managed to do that twice before the medics said I could do no more, and that was a moment where [director] Kevin [McDonald] was like, "Please, please, please go." And I felt like I kind of let him down because, literally, I couldn't. I'm not very strong in water anyway, and especially when I'm lugging Channing Tatum behind me.

What did you do to get in shape for the role?
I really felt the idea of going to a gym and pounding weights and drinking protein shakes was an incredibly contemporary idea that didn't really seem to fit the second century. So for me, I just wanted to get to a place where the guy had a feral masculinity and looked like he could take care of himself if he needed to. But also he's been a slave. He's probably been malnourished for quite some time.

Are you spending more time in California or England these days?
I live in California right now. I love it here. I go back to England about four or five times a year. I don't think California is necessarily a permanent place of residence.

How did you avoid the traps of the young Hollywood lifestyle?
The fame thing, just to clarify that, I never really feel that side of things. I don't really make big, big movies. I think there are those people, and those people probably have a very complicated, difficult life. I love going to the grocery store and just hanging out, going to the coffee shop. I think it's a total advantage that people don't recognize me.

That might change with The Adventures of Tintin coming out later this year.
I watched Tintin when I was seven years old on the TV. It was different from the other cartoons because it wasn't just a simple cat chasing a mouse. There was something so much more to this. It really took me to another place. And Stephen Spielberg feels exactly the same way. For me, it was interesting to see him dealing with [motion-capture] technology. We've stayed very true to the aesthetic quality of the illustrations, and I think if you did this as a live action film, you would lose a lot of the quality about it.

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▶ Audrey Tautou has the dubious honour of starring in the most famous gnome movie — Amélie.

Shakespeare's classic reimagined as two star-crossed gnomes chase love in the flick Gnomeo & Juliet

People have a love for garden gnomes that is gnot gnormal. The colourful terra-cotta lawn decorations pop up in everything from Travelocity commercials to R.L. Stine's Revenge of the Lawn Gnomes to Coronation Street to the Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets video game and, of course, in tacky garden displays. Since ceramic gnomes were first manufactured in rural Germany by Phillip Griebel in 1847, these strange little creatures have carved out a pointy-hatted niche in popular culture.

This weekend they take over movie theatres playing the leads in a reimagining of Shakespeare's most romantic play. In Gnomeo & Juliet two star-crossed gnomes, voiced by James McAvoy and Emily Blunt, must overcome prejudice for their love to bloom.

This is probably the most gnometastic movie to ever hit theatres, but it isn't the only one. Gnomes have had supporting roles on screen for years.

The most famous movie gnome is the hapless travelling gnome from Amélie. In the film, Audrey Tautou tricks her father into following his dream of touring the world by stealing his garden gnome and having a flight attendant friend send pictures of it posing with landmarks from all over the world.

The world wide popularity of the film kicked off a resurgence of gnome love, and in 2002 International Gnome Day was instituted and is now celebrated on June 21 in a dozen countries. The travelling gnome also became a popular motif and was featured in the Matthew Good band video for Anti-pop, the videotapes Half-Life 2: Episode Two and The Sims 3 and on the soap opera Neighbours.

The garden decorations of Gnomeo & Juliet aren't the first animated big screen gnomes. In Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit, Wallace, the inventor, installs gnomes in all the gardens in his town to guard against pests. Each garden gnome is equipped with a swiveling head and fire engine red eyes that light up when it senses rabbits or other garden invaders.

Gnomes are used to tragicomic effect in The Full Monty when Gerald (Tom Wilkinson) is distracted by some gnarly dancing gnomes during an all important job interview.

Also amusing are the airborne gnomes of Teenage Space Vampires, but the little creatures take a sinister turn in Slumming, a nasty horror film that is definitely not Better Gnomes and Gardens approved.

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Coming to terms with mortality

Biutiful cuts deep for Alejandro González Iñárritu

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▶ Alejandro González Iñárritu

Alejandro González Iñárritu is a director best known for his human tapestry films like Amores Perros and Babel that intertwine parallel stories and multiple characters.

Yet, his latest movie Biutiful focuses on a single protagonist: a father and low-level criminal dying of cancer in an impoverished area of Barcelona.

For Iñárritu, taking a more conventional narrative path was a challenging filmmaking experiment.

"On a certain level I felt like I was getting branded as the guy who melts together many stories," Iñárritu told Metro. "There was a danger of becoming predictable and I needed to try something different. I felt like the most experimental way for me to tell a story now was in a traditional linear way."

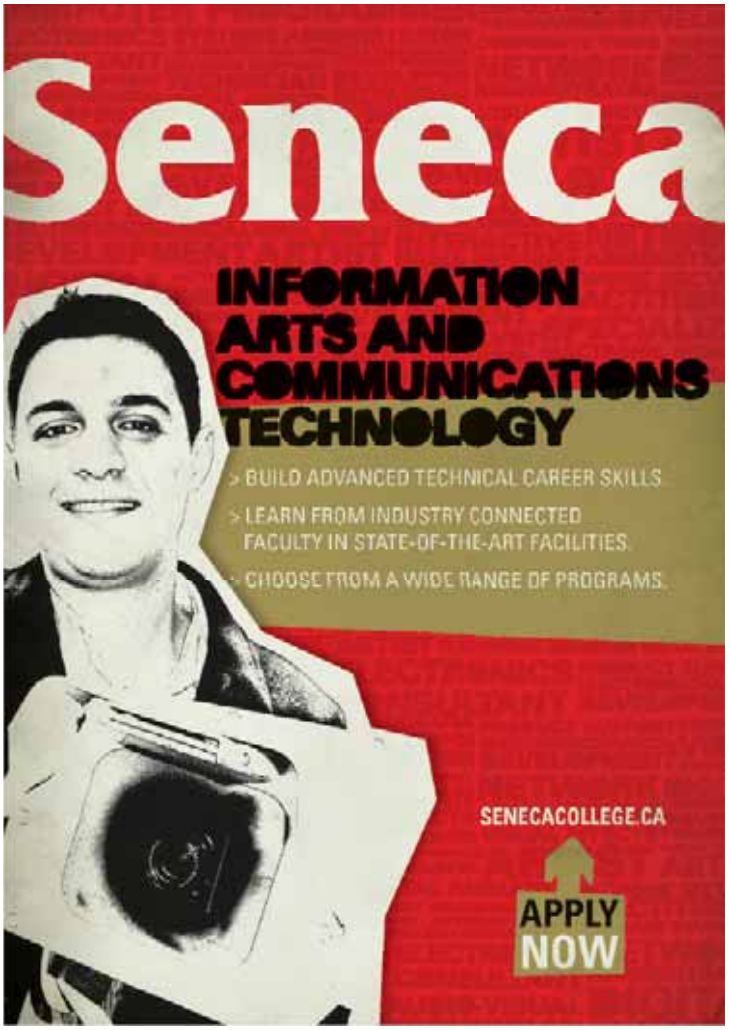
The director wrote his first linear screenplay with a specific actor in mind: Javier Bardem.

"There was no question who would play the role," claimed Iñárritu. "He's a strong man with a very delicate soul and that was crucial to the character I was trying to create. He's a street guy given a spiritual gift and I knew Javier would be perfect."

The choice was inspired and led to Bardem securing an Oscar nomination last week for his remarkable work.

At its core, Biutiful is an exploration of a man coming to terms with his own mortality, a theme of great personal significance for the filmmaker.

"I think that it's only when we accept death as part of the experience of life is when we stop fearing life," explained Iñárritu, who dedicated the film to his dying father who inspired the project. "My father is 80 years old and I'm very close to him, but he is quite sick. I think the that way Javier's character is able to communicate tenderness through very difficult circumstances comes directly from my father."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Chase's Community

Chevy playing confused senior citizen who returns to college Community airs on NBC

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After making a splash in the first season of Saturday Night Live, comic star Chevy Chase left television to launch a successful movie career, at one point becoming one of the highest paid actors in Hollywood.

He's also very popular in Europe, he insists. "Do you know I'm the Jerry Lewis of Sweden? It's true." Chase tells Metro.

Now, Chase is back on the small screen each week with Community, playing an out-to-lunch senior citizen returning to college. He sat down with Metro to talk about returning to TV, the legacy of Saturday Night Live and keeping up with movies.

What was it about Community that made you want to sign up?

It was totally the writing of the (first episode). Otherwise, I would never have considered a sitcom. But it really made me laugh out loud, and I had never done anything like a sitcom. So I figured it's just a half-hour show — or 24 minutes — so it should be very easy. Boy was I wrong (laughs).

Why do you think the show has struck such a chord with audiences internationally?

I guess the cast. It's a terrific cast, and then of course, there's me, a movie star (laughs). I've been around so long that it certainly doesn't hurt to know a name that you've seen. I'm not really bragging — I'm just saying that I'm sure that doesn't hurt. I think if anything, the two pretty girls probably help sell the show as much as anything else.

Do you still watch Saturday Night Live?

I don't watch it a lot anymore, but when I'm in New York sometimes I go. I've seen it over the years and it's amazing because I started it and that Weekend Update thing was just me and a desk.

Now it's like its own show. It doesn't surprise me that that kind of variety live show is going to last for a long time because it's known so well at this point, and all you have to do is have a lot of writers writing sketches.

There are going to be bad shows and good shows, but it's got its own built-in audience almost now.

What's the last comedy movie that you saw that you really liked?

I saw Harold (Ramis') — what is it, Year One? It didn't get good reviews and it didn't do well, but I laughed a lot. I love Harold, so whatever he does, I laugh at.

Have you seen The Hangover?

No, I haven't seen it. As a matter of fact, of the Top 40 movies that are out now, I haven't seen one. I mean, I vote (as a member of the Academy). I'll see them all, but it may be on my TV from a CD. When I can, I get to a movie theatre with my wife and kids or whatever, but I just don't have the opportunity that much.

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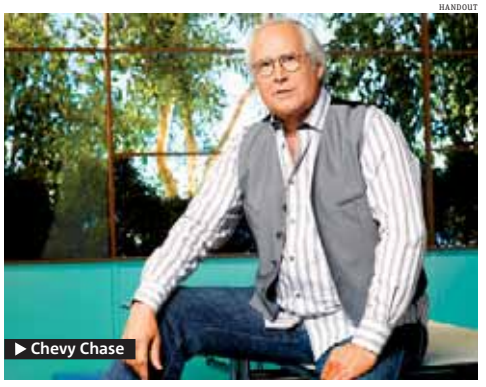

▶ Chevy Chase

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▶ Kim Cattrall

Sex and the City actress to star in Toronto play

Kim Cattrall of Sex and the City fame, will take the stage in Toronto later this year.

Mirvish Productions announced this morning that Cattrall will star in the Noel Coward play Private Lives in September and October.

After its Toronto run, the production is slated for Broadway.

At a news conference this morning, the British Columbia-raised actress said the play is one of the happiest collaborations of her career.

She called bringing it to Canada the "icing on the cake."

For six seasons, Cattrall starred as lusty publicist Samantha Jones on TV's Sex and the City. Before that, she appeared in movies including Police Academy, Mannequin and Porky's.

As for upcoming shows, Mirvish also announced that the Broadway smash Mary Poppins will hit the city next fall.

And The Blue Dragon, from Quebec maestro Robert Lepage, will be here in early 2012.

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Trashing Scientology

Oscar-winner Paul Haggis lashes out at Church of Scientology as 'cult'

Oscar-winning director Paul Haggis is opening up about his extensive involvement with the Church of Scientology, denouncing the controversial religion as a "cult."

The Canadian filmmaker details his nearly 35 years with the church in a lengthy article written by Lawrence Wright in the Feb. 14 issue of the New Yorker.

Haggis tells Wright he had ascended "all the way to the top" by the time he left the church in 2009 over its opposition to gay marriage and his questions over how it allegedly treated detractors.

The article includes excerpts from a scathing resignation letter in which Haggis tells the church's chief spokesman he was "horrified" by reports alleging that senior executives had beaten members.

Wright notes that Scientology officials have denied the allegations, and provided him with four dozen binders of documents to support their claims.

Wright is working on a book about the controversial church and Haggis' involvement.

Other well-known Scientologists include Tom Cruise and John Travolta, both outspoken champions of the group founded in 1952 by L. Ron Hubbard.

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▶ Paul Haggis

DVD Releases

Paranormal Activity 2
Genre: Thriller **Director:** Tod Williams.
Stars: Brian Boland, Sprague Grayden
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Paranormal Activity 2 is roughly 70 minutes of a phantasmal phreak I call Casper Milquetoast having late-night hissy fits, followed by 21 minutes where he finally grows a pair and starts the demonic stuff.

This is basically what he did in the first Paranormal Activity, which was way scarier simply because it was much more of a novelty. Casper lit fires in the first film. Now he's messing with swimming pools and kitchen utensils.

The people he's haunting this time — Daniel (Brian Boland), Kristi (Sprague Grayden), teenage daughter Ali (Molly Ephraim) and toddler Hunter — are annoying California Yuppies.

But really, Casper, you're bothering a baby? Pick on somebody your own size.

Extras include an unrated version of the film and found footage (Blu-ray only).
PETER HOWELL

Monsters
Genre: Thriller **Director:** Gareth Edwards
Stars: Scoot McNairy
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There are monster movies, made by real fans of the genre, and there are monstrous ones, made by people with an excess of cash and computing power.

Into this humbler and lamentably rarer first category steps this promising feature debut by Britain's Gareth Edwards.

It makes a virtue of poverty.

It posits a not-too-distant time and situation where alien life forms have landed in Central America, delivered by a wayward space probe from Earth.

The effort is high on mood and low on monsters.

Considering his scant money and resources, Edwards works wonders conjuring creatures in a couple of sequences that fairly chill the blood.
PETER HOWELL

It's Kind of a Funny Story
Genre: Comedy **Director:** Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden
Stars: Zach Galifianakis
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It's kind of a comedy about a suicidal teenager (Keir Gilchrist of TV's United States of Tara) who impulsively books himself into a hospital psychiatric ward, only to discover to his shock and dismay that he's obliged to remain there for at least five days.

The presence of bearded wildman Zach Galifianakis (The Hangover) in the cast virtually guarantees zaniness, since he's become Hollywood's go-to guy for extreme eccentricities. Wonder of wonders, it's not really like this at all. Exhibiting the same humanity and understanding it turns comic without turning sour. PETER HOWELL

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Angie, Brad looking at Haiti adoption

Child lost family in earthquake
Agencies making sure there is no special treatment

Angelina Jolie is reportedly ready to add to her family again, this time with an orphaned girl from Haiti, according to the Daily Mirror.

The four-year-old girl is reportedly named Leah and lost her family in the earthquake last year.

"Angelina's lawyers are in the process of getting an authorization so Leah can spend some time with her in America," a source says.

"A lot of observers from groups such as the Red Cross are ensuring that Angelina is treated like anybody else and not fast tracked, which would be viewed insidiously."

Brad Pitt and the Jolie-Pitt children have reportedly yet to meet Leah.

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▶ Angelina Jolie

Celebrity tweets

Joel McHale [@joelmchale] I take an unusual amount of satisfaction when I openly defy my dentist.

Ellen DeGeneres [@TheEllenShow] What do you do with a Chinese Vibrating Bra? Give it to Jennifer Aniston, obviously.

Joan Rivers [@Joan_Rivers] The Packers aren't World Champions! They're American Champions-and will be until they've beaten the Taipei Eggrolls.

Bob Saget [@bobsaget] The guy who invented the stationary bike must've worked at home.

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The next Carrie Bradshaw?

Executives behind Sex and the City are reportedly eager to keep the franchise alive, but not necessarily with Sarah Jessica Parker in the lead role or Carrie Bradshaw, a source tells Grazia magazine, explaining that a prequel is in the works.

"The prequel is about breathing new life into the story and exploring Carrie's first few months in NYC and the beginning of her relationship with an older man."

The source claims that Gossip Girl star Blake Lively is at the top of the list to take over the role.

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Talking points

Charges for Lohan?

PEOPLE Prosecutors said Tuesday they plan to charge Lindsay Lohan with felony grand theft of a $2,500 necklace reported stolen from a jewelry store last month.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said the charge will be filed Wednesday. She is due in court for an arraignment on Wednesday afternoon.

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Jonas tying the knot?

PEOPLE Joe Jonas is reportedly ready to settle down with Twilight star Ashley Greene, according to Popeater. "Even though Joe has had plenty of high-profile girlfriends in the past few years, he is impressed with Ashley's joy of life and dedicated work ethic," a source says of the 21-year-old pop singer. "They are both well-grounded and have a basic understanding of who they are."

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Cameras OK for Jackson's doctor's trial

LEGAL A judge has ruled that television cameras will be allowed in the courtroom at Conrad Murray's manslaughter trial, according to CNN. Murray, who was charged in connection with the death of Michael Jackson, remains free on $75,000 bail. The trial starts in April.

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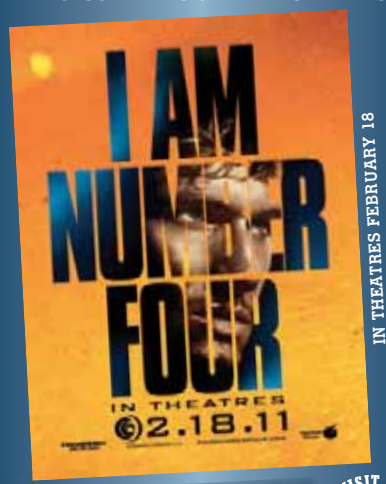

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Valentine's Day may fall on a Monday this year, but that's no reason to blow off the weekend. In fact it's the perfect time to pack your bags, shake off the winter blahs and squeeze in some quality time pour deux.

Arts & Leisure in Ottawa

The outdoor Winterlude festival will also be on, so after a skate down the world's largest rink, you can watch as world-class sculptures bring ice to life. Only an hour-and-a-half drive from the city, a weekend of pampering at St. Anne's Country Inn and Spa is a great way to reconnect as a couple. Spread out over 500 acres of countryside, the accommodations are just as luxurious as they are cosy. From wraps to massages, there's a perfect treatment to melt your stresses away.

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Broadway, shopping, great food and world-class hotels and galleries, there's nothing like a whirlwind trip to the Big Apple. Consider a performance you'll both enjoy such as current Broadway favourites The Adams Family and American Idiot. Keep your budget in check by opting for a pre fixed menu, as many restaurants in the city are offering specials throughout the weekend.

Ski & Play at Blue Mountain

A charming village, a grand mountain, plus cosy accommodations, a ski weekend is a great way to embrace the season. Don't want to hit the slopes? There's also great trails for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and moon lit snow treks. And when you're ready to call it a day, stop in the village for a drink and at bite at the Twist Martini & Wine Lounge.

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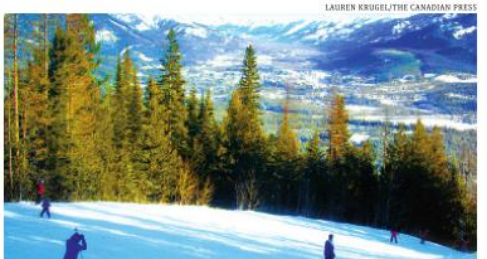

▶Skiers on a hill in Fernie, B.C. At Fernie, 30 per cent of the runs are considered beginner, 40 per cent are intermediate and 30 per cent are advanced.

Everyone can ski at Fernie

Dan Savage considered himself a "hard-core" skier when he and his wife moved to Fernie, B.C., more than a decade ago.

"I wanted the steepest and I wanted the deepest," said the owner of the local website Fernie.com. "The terrain here's very steep, and the snow is very deep. It's a real skiers' mountain."

Savage's perspective shifted when his children — now five and seven — entered the picture.

"I came here as an experienced skier and loved it, and I'm loving what they have for families as well."

The lower runs at Fernie Alpine Resort, he said, are "really kid-friendly."

At Fernie — about a three-plus-hour drive from Calgary — 30 per cent of the runs are considered beginner, 40 per cent are intermediate and 30 per cent are advanced.

The variety makes Fernie a good place for skiers and snowboarders to hone their skills, said Will Barbour, with Tourism Fernie.

"It's a really great mountain for setting your sights and ticking the boxes as you work through the different runs," he said.

Fernie is known for its five massive bowls.

"The Lizard Bowl is a nice starting point, for sure. It has some nice, more mellow terrain and funnels out into some wonderful big wide-open groomed runs," said Barbour.

Barbour came to Fernie from Australia three years ago and stayed for one main reason: the snow.

"I came to ski for six weeks and my first day was a 40-centimetre day. It snowed almost two metres that week. And I thought, This deserves a bit more of my time. So I stayed," he said.

There are plenty of activities in Fernie besides downhill skiing and snowboarding. Visitors can cross-country ski, snowshoe, go dog-sledding, ride horseback, take a helicopter ride and snowmobile.

There's also cat-skiing, in which skiers can hitch a ride on a massive grooming machine to remote back-country terrain.

Fernie has a variety of lodging options right at the hill, including the Wolf's Den Lodge, Cornerstone Lodge, Cedar Ridge Estates, Griz Inn and Lizard Creek Lodge.

"There is a very rare amount of ski-in, ski-out properties, which is fantastic," said Sarah Windsor, with Resorts of the Canadian Rockies. "You just have a real good variety of lodging. You've got everything from your basic hotel room to full chalets."

Savage recommends staying right in the heart of Fernie, which is just a short drive from the mountain.

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Wonder what a woman carries in her backpack? Journeywoman decided to put all those helpful "must-pack-this-in-my-backpack" picks. Some items are oh-so-practical, some are downright quirky and some are so smart that we wished that we'd thought about them first.

• Pack a folding umbrella that has an aluminum spine and handle. This type is more expensive to buy than all the others but it's so light and compact.

• In hot humid countries, a folding paper fan works wonders when waiting at bus stops or in non-air conditioned vehicles.

• A mini flashlight — the light disposable type is invaluable for destinations where power failures are frequent.

• Always carry emergency toilet paper or a package of tissues. In some parts of the world, it's either very scarce or too coarse to be usable.

• Hand wipes are perfect when hand-washing facilities aren't readily available.

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Wi-Fi popular at Logan

BOSTON. The Massachusetts Port Authority Board says the number of passengers using its free wireless service to access the Internet at Boston's Logan International Airport jumped by 412 per cent last year.

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Edamame, a variety of soybean, is high in protein and fibre. Here, it is used in a Mediterranean salad, adding a crisp note to the intense flavours.

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine bulgur and boiling water. Cover, let stand for 30 minutes. Drain.
2. In bowl, whisk together pesto and lemon juice.
3. In a bowl, combine bulgur, edamame, tomatoes, feta, green onions, parsley and pepper; toss gently to combine. Drizzle with pesto mixture and stir to coat well. Serve with pita.

Cooking Tips **To cook edamame on stovetop:** In saucepan, bring water to boil. Add edamame. Return to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Drain. Rinse with cold running water.
To cook edamame in microwave: Place edamame in microwave-safe dish. Cover with plastic wrap and cook on High for 2 to 3 minutes. SOYFOODS COUNCIL

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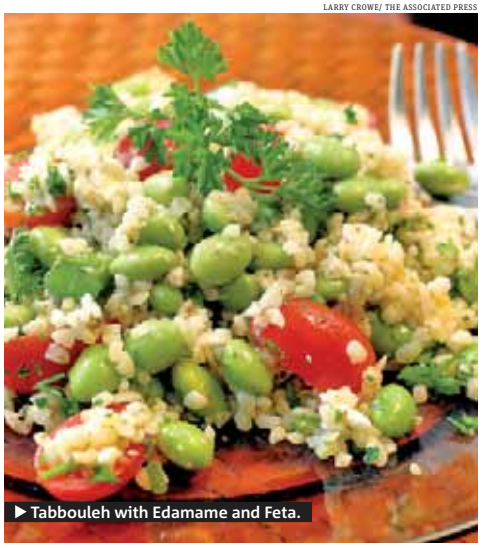

▶ Tabbouleh with Edamame and Feta.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) uncooked bulgur or cracked wheat
- 2 cups (500 mL) boiling water
- 2 cups (500 mL) cooked edamame (see method)
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) prepared pesto
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) fresh lemon juice
- 2 cups (500 mL) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) thinly sliced green onions
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper
- 4 pita breads (7-inch/17 cm diameter), cut in half

Soy comes in many shapes and sizes It can even be used in old favourites like in this tasty dessert

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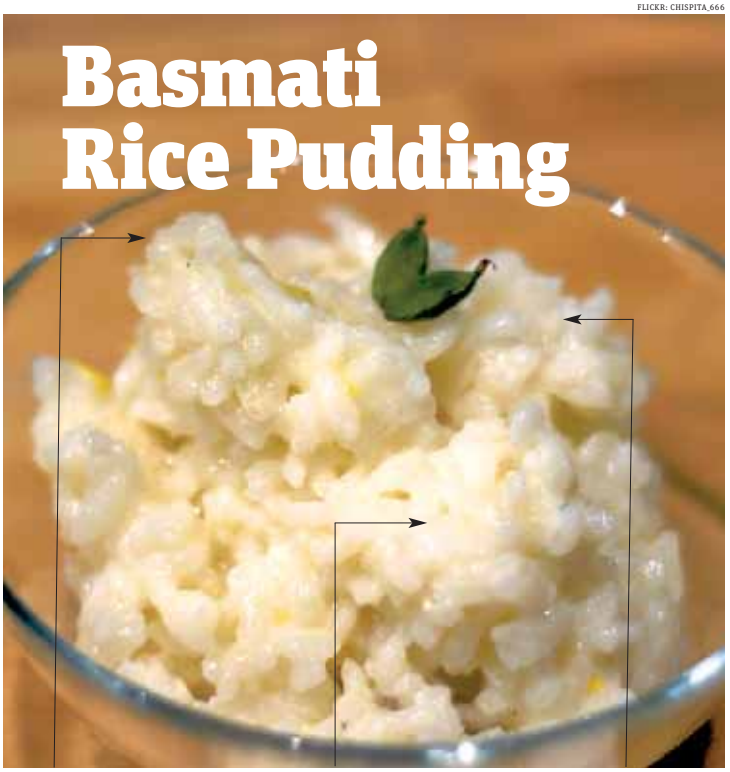

Basmati Rice Pudding

"Using basmati rice adds a special fragrance to rice pudding. This is a true comfort food that warms the heart and definitely the soul."

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Ingredients

This recipe makes four servings. Here's what you need:

- 3 cups (750 mL) soy beverage
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) basmati rice
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 mango, peeled and sliced thinly (optional)

Directions

1) In a heavy saucepan bring soy beverage and rice to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 30 minutes or until most of soy beverage is absorbed. Stir in sugar, vanilla and cardamom.

2) Divide into dessert dishes and top with sliced mango (if using).

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In the corporate ecosystem there are two species of boss: the vile nag that lectures the workforce, and the noble being who leads it.

"The goal of every manager should be to make people feel like they want to work for you, and not like they have to," Donna Flagg, author of Surviving Dreaded Conversations says.

Yet asking spat-on underlings to throw their all into a degrading day grind can feel like telling them to smile during their root canal.

With that in mind, here's three principles executive coaches recommend when it comes to talking downtrodden labourers into loving the work they do for you.

Encourage Them to Take The Lead

"Let other people have the ideas," Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New York says. That could mean holding onto your opinions longer, opening meetings up for more brainstorm activity – or even sub-contracting out the art of idea-concocting altogether.

"Set up a little task force where employees get together, talk, then bring their ideas in collectively," she suggests. Next, whenever an underling does bring in a snappy fix, don't dispossess them of it by dictating all the details.

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▶ You already have the title of boss, but stressing it to your employees may lead to resentment.

"People do not like being controlled," Flag says. "Bad bosses are the ones who get off on control."

Recognize Each Individual

"Being a boss is all about creating relations where you're interested in them and together you're building something bigger than the task at hand," Flagg explains. "It's about making them feel equal even though they're not."

That involves appreciating the kind of colleague they are – both at work and after it.

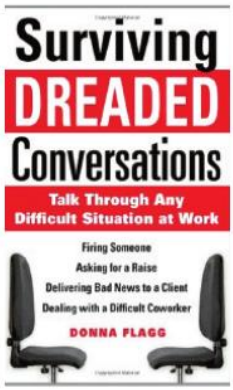
"Find out what's important to them," Frankel says. "What inspires them? What new projects do they want to be a part of? Why do they come to work?"

Give Clear Instructions

"The more people feel that they can count on you, the more they do for you," Flag offers.

But workers can't trust you, she warns, if they don't understand your expectations – and that means answering emails, explaining projects clearly, and taking time to stop by a boss-shy worker's desk.

"You have to be a good communicator, and that comes from having a mindset that you're one among them," she stresses. "You don't need to prove to anyone that you have power. The position itself gives that to you."



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UNIONS OFFER ESCAPE HATCH

Flipping through the newspaper the other day, I came across a headline that grabbed my attention – "Civil servant keeps job despite porn." The case concerned a federal government employee who spent up to five hours at work each day surfing the Internet for pornography and trading pictures, all from his government email account. Amazingly, he kept his job.

The general public asks why this employee keeps his job when employers are allowed to fire other, less blameworthy employees, for reasons such as "layoffs" and "restructuring," with legal impunity. The answer is clear: the union. No surprise then that unionized employees champion cases like this, while employers are left scratching their heads.

In unionized workplaces, misconduct is often present, but seldom does it lead to dismissal. This is because unionized employers are bound by collective agreements permitting dismissal only with "just cause." However, unlike employers in non-union workplaces, who need only to prove real misconduct to rid themselves of problem employees, unionized employers must make out a much more compelling case for dismissal, all without disturbing their labour relations with the union. As a result, many unionized employers are forced to forgive misconduct for fear of losing the case – or worse, offending their union.

Further, unionized employees think mostly in terms of reinstatement, while non-union employees usually seek severance. Arbitrators, granted with the exclusive jurisdiction to resolve union labour disputes, have the authority to reinstate fired employees to their jobs, with full back pay, while non-union employees, who do not enjoy the right to reinstatement, are often "paid off" with a few months' severance in exchange for dropping their case. When viewing the issue through this lens, it is no wonder that the civil servant kept his job despite spending so much of his time searching for porn.

My article should not be read as if I am advocating for unions because I am not. My law firm receives more calls from unionized employees complaining about their own unions than it does from non-union employees who have been fired. Considering that only 30 per cent of the Canadian workforce is unionized, this indicates that unionized employees are no better off than non-unionized ones.

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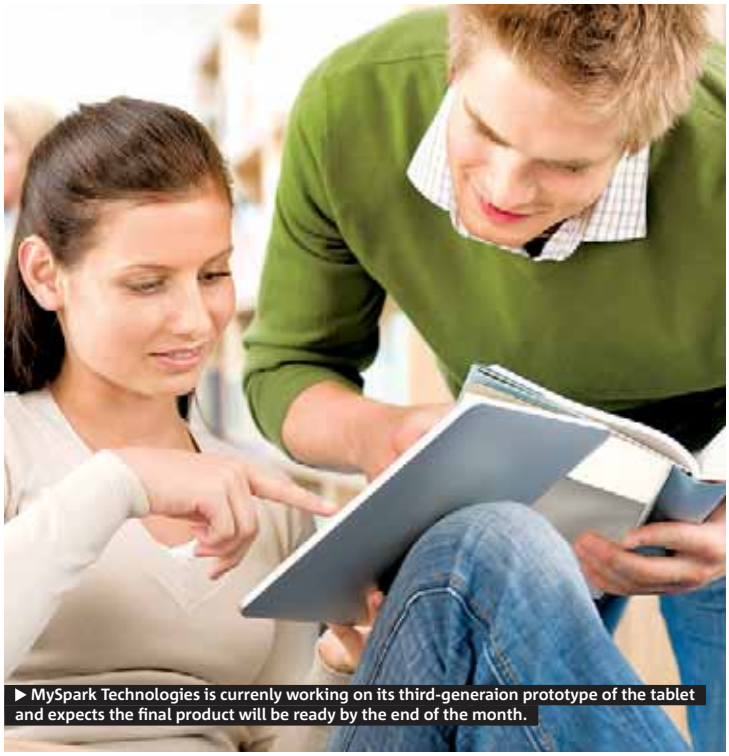

▶ MySpark Technologies is currenly working on its third-generaion prototype of the tablet and expects the final product will be ready by the end of the month.

New etablet will act as a student's trusty sidekick

Among the dozens of new tablets expected to be released this year in competition with Apple's iPad and Research in Motion's PlayBook will be a budget-priced Canadian device targeted specifically at students and schools.

MySpark Technologies, headquartered just north of Toronto, plans to launch its tablet in North America and India this spring, with an aim to have them carried into classrooms by September.

The mySpark tablet, which is based on Google's Android platform, will be available in two models, with one expected to be priced between $200 to $250 and the other around $300 to $350.

CEO Adrian Hartog, who worked at ATI Technologies Inc., and Advanced Micro Devices Inc., before forming the new company, said the tablets are being priced well below established competitors to appeal to cash-strapped students and educators, as well as price-sensitive buyers in India.

"I think we're pretty comfortable that we can deliver solutions at those prices with reasonable profitability, we tried to be aggressive," Hartog said, adding that the company didn't skimp on hardware.

The specifications include a 25-centimetre screen and a dual-core one gigahertz processor with graphics and media acceleration. The screen responds to touch and a stylus because "all the feedback we've gotten is note-taking is very important," he said.

The company has some operations based in India and the sales potential there made it a launch market, Hartog said.

"They're a huge population and they're very focused on education as a kind of transformative factor in their whole economy," he said. "Education is viewed very highly there."

Built into the tablet will be a number of apps to let students browse digital textbooks and ebooks, search within them, and mark them up with notes. Collaboration tools will also let students and teachers view or work on the same content, Hartog said, and the devices can also tie into the school's IT or learning management systems.

"We'll also work with the schools to provide custom integration that they may need that's particular to their environment," he added.

Hartog imagines students will be able to access their schedules, marks and report cards on the tablet.

Users will be able to download any other apps available on the Android Market, although Hartog does expect that some buyers - perhaps parents or schools - will want to lock down the tablets so they're strictly used for schoolwork. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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San Antonio (42-8 entering play last night) has been dominant this season and owns a comfortable lead atop the NBA's Western Conference standings. San Antonio has a 21-9 edge in the all-time series.

Toronto (14-37 entering play last night) is looking to create a rare home winning streak tonight against San Antonio. Toronto snapped a 13-game losing skid with a win over Minnesota at home last Friday.

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▶ Jack Hillen of the Islanders blocks a shot by Kris Versteeg last night.

Leafs catch a break

Armstrong has goal, two assists against Isles' emergency goaltender

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LEAFS	ISLANDERS

Just before their fifth game in eight nights, the Toronto Maple Leafs finally got a break.

Not one that gave them any extra rest but provided them a chance to fire away at an emergency goalie making his NHL debut.

Tomas Kaberle scored the first of Toronto's three third-period goals to break a tie against surprise Islanders starter Mikko Koskinen as the Maple Leafs beat New York 5-3 last night for their fourth win in five games.

Toronto is 12th in the East, eight points behind eighth-place Carolina with 28 games remaining.

"You can see we're sniffing a little closer and closer," said Colby Armstrong, who had a goal and two third-period assists. "We just have to worry about ourselves and get our points and get our wins when we can."

New York was forced to start Koskinen after backup goalie Kevin Poulin injured his left knee during the warmup, minutes before the opening faceoff. Poulin left Nassau Coliseum on crutches and will have an MRI today.

Armstrong and Jay Rosehill gave Toronto a 2-0 lead on the Maple Leafs' first two shots at the 22-year-old Koskinen, who was 5-15 in the AHL.

Koskinen and the Islanders seemed to be in store for a long night as the Maple Leafs scored on their first two shots.

"I felt bad for him, not expecting to play and then getting thrown in there and the first two shots go in," Leafs goalie James Reimer said. "They weren't bad goals by any means.

"There is nothing much the kid could do."

Koskinen made 21 saves.

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3 FACTS ABOUT THE ISLES' LATEST GOALIE

TOP GOALIE

▶ Mikko Koskinen was picked by the Islanders 31st overall in the 2009 NHL entry draft, the first goalie chosen.

A FINN

▶ He was born in Vantaa, Finland, that country's fourth largest city and home to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport.

VERY TALL

▶ He's listed at six foot five, which ties him with Anders Lindback and Devan Dubnyk as the tallest goalie currently in the NHL.

Salmons helps sink Raptors

92	74
BUCKS	RAPTORS

If the Milwaukee Bucks are going to salvage their season and sneak into the playoffs for a second consecutive year, they know the time for a winning streak is now.

"I think there's definitely a sense of urgency," John Salmons said after scoring 17 points in the Bucks' 92-74 victory against the Toronto Raptors last night.

"I think we feel like we definitely have to make a push now. We can't wait any longer. Hopefully we can get on a little roll, try to win some games and make it to the playoffs."

Salmons returned to the starting lineup for the first time in three weeks and went 7 of 18 from the field.

Corey Maggette added 16 points and nine rebounds for Milwaukee, which snapped its four-game losing streak.

Toronto lost its 10th straight road game. Andrea Bargnani scored 23 points and DeMar DeRozan finished with 18 points and seven rebounds for the Raptors, who were seeking consecutive victories for the first time since Dec. 3.

"It's a tough season," Bargnani said. "It didn't become a tough season today. It's been that way the last couple of months."

Toronto, coming off a 111-100 victory over Minnesota on Friday that snapped a 13-game losing streak, got guard Leandro Barbosa back from a right hamstring strain. He played nearly 25 minutes and had eight points.

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RECKLESS PLAY ROBS THE FANS

The Maple Leafs' rivals in Boston had to shelve star centre Marc Savard for the rest of the season Monday due to ongoing concussion symptoms.

But that's no reason for Leafs Nation to bust out the party favours. Unfortunately, I write a story like this every NHL season — and while the names change, the sadness and anger I feel grows with every new case like Savard's.

If it isn't the concussion-based early-retirement of superstars such as Pat LaFontaine or Eric Lindros that's made headlines over the last decade or so, it's the same fate befalling second-level stars such as Adam Deadmarsh or Keith Primeau.

This year, the spectre of concussions has begun haunting Penguins superstar and NHL poster boy Sidney Crosby, sidelining him for the past 13 games and potentially until March. It's as if the hockey gods have had enough of the hints they've provided in the past — and now, via the injury to the sport's greatest player, they're making the message as clear as can be.

That message: We're going to decide, once and for all, what fans pay both money and attention to see — the game itself, or the NHLers who play it.

If NHL team owners believe they can throw a jersey at any halfway decent player and have fans fork over dozens of 10- and 20-dollar bills to see them play, they need only maintain their current course; soon enough, players' reckless style of play will leave no Crosbys or Alex Ovechkins to market and appreciate.

If the owners value the players, nothing but a total ban on headshots will suffice.

This league cannot afford to lose important players in any market. Monday it was Savard; tomorrow it could be Luke Schenn.

I would bet Leafs fans wouldn't appreciate seeing part of the team's future snuffed out and being told, "Just part of the game, folks."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	53	35	13	2	3	180	137	75	18-7-0-2	17-6-2-1	8-2-0-0	W2
d-Tampa Bay	55	33	17	3	2	168	169	71	18-6-1-1	15-11-2-1	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	53	30	16	2	5	161	119	67	14-10-1-2	16-6-1-3	6-4-0-0	L1
Pittsburgh	55	34	17	2	2	165	126	72	19-10-1-0	15-7-1-2	7-3-0-0	L2
Washington	55	29	16	5	5	150	136	68	17-6-2-5	12-10-3-0	5-2-1-2	L1
Montreal	54	30	19	4	1	139	131	65	18-7-3-1	12-12-1-0	6-2-1-1	L1
NY Rangers	56	29	23	2	2	155	138	62	12-12-1-2	17-11-1-0	3-6-0-1	L5
Carolina	54	26	21	3	4	161	167	59	14-9-1-1	12-12-2-3	4-5-1-0	L1
Atlanta	56	24	22	4	6	162	183	58	12-11-1-4	12-11-3-2	2-5-1-2	L4
Buffalo	52	25	22	5	0	152	153	55	12-12-1-0	13-10-4-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Florida	53	23	24	2	4	141	143	52	11-9-2-3	12-15-0-1	2-4-1-3	L1
Toronto	54	23	26	2	3	143	169	51	13-11-2-2	10-15-0-1	5-5-0-0	W2
New Jersey	54	20	30	3	1	116	156	44	11-13-2-1	9-17-0-1	8-1-1-0	W2
Ottawa	54	17	29	5	3	119	178	42	9-15-2-2	8-14-3-1	0-8-1-1	L10
NY Islanders	53	17	29	3	4	131	174	41	9-13-1-3	8-16-2-1	3-7-0-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	54	35	10	4	5	183	127	79	19-3-1-4	16-7-3-1	6-1-1-2	W6
d-Detroit	53	32	15	4	2	176	156	70	16-7-3-1	16-8-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
d-Dallas	53	30	18	1	4	152	150	65	16-7-1-3	14-11-0-1	5-5-0-0	L3
San Jose	54	29	19	4	2	152	144	64	13-10-2-1	16-9-2-1	8-1-0-1	W4
Nashville	54	28	19	4	3	141	129	63	12-5-3-3	16-14-1-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Phoenix	55	27	19	6	3	156	156	63	12-10-3-2	15-9-3-1	4-6-0-0	W2
Anaheim	54	29	21	2	2	146	150	62	17-8-0-1	12-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Calgary	55	27	21	2	5	157	161	61	15-9-0-2	12-12-2-3	7-1-1-1	W1
Los Angeles	53	29	22	1	1	150	129	60	17-9-1-0	12-13-0-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Minnesota	52	27	20	1	4	135	138	59	12-11-0-2	15-9-1-2	6-4-0-0	L1
Chicago	53	27	22	2	2	168	150	58	16-13-0-0	11-9-2-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Columbus	53	26	22	3	2	145	163	57	13-12-0-1	13-10-3-1	6-2-1-1	W3
St. Louis	52	24	20	4	4	140	154	56	16-8-1-2	8-12-3-2	4-4-2-0	W1
Colorado	53	25	22	6	0	164	175	56	14-13-3-0	11-9-3-0	3-7-0-0	L4
Edmonton	53	16	29	1	7	133	180	40	7-14-1-3	9-15-1-3	2-7-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last nights results
Toronto 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
San Jose 2 Washington 0
Columbus 4 Pittsburgh 1
New Jersey 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
St. Louis 2 Florida 1
Buffalo 7 Tampa Bay 4

Monday's results
Calgary 3 Chicago 1
Edmonton 4 Nashville 0
Toronto 5 Atlanta 4
Vancouver 4 Ottawa 2
Detroit 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Phoenix 3 Colorado 0

Tonight's games
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, ISLANDERS 3

First Period
1. Toronto, Armstrong 7 (Boyce, Kaberle) 1:29
2. Toronto, Rosehill 1 (Schenn) 6:31
3. N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 19 (Tavares, Parenteau) 10:48 (pp)

Penalties — Kaberle Tor (hooking) 9:53, Phaneuf Tor (hooking) 10:59.

Second Period
4. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 17 (Martinek, Okposo) 15:02

Penalties — Rosehill Tor (goaltender interference) 7:10, Colliton NYI (hooking) 10:24, Wishart NYI (tripping) 16:19, MacDonald NYI (holding) 18:03.

Third Period
5. Toronto, Kaberle 3 (Armstrong, Boyce) 2:34
6. Toronto, Kulemin 20 (Kessel) 8:49
7. Toronto, Sjostrom 2 (Armstrong, Boyce) 14:53
8. N.Y. Islanders, Schremp 10 (Jurcina, M.Martin) 18:08

Penalties — Martinek NYI (tripping) 4:21, Schenn Tor (delay of game) 19:38, Parenteau NYI (high-sticking) 19:56.

Shots

Toronto	7	12	7—26
N.Y. Islanders	12	10	12—34

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (W,6-4-0); N.Y. Islanders: Koskinen (L,0-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-4; N.Y. Islanders: 1-4.
Referees — Brian Pochmara, Steve Kozari.
Linesmen — Tim Nowak, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 7,249 (16,234) at Uniondale, N.Y.

LATE MONDAY

OILERS 4, PREDATORS 0

First Period
1. Edmonton, Cogliano 8 (Eberle, Hall) 14:27

Penalties — None.

Second Period
2. Edmonton, Jones 12 (Fraser, Reddox) 14:23

Penalties — Foster Edm (hooking) 1:59, Goc Nash (tripping) 7:41, Jones Edm (hooking) 11:03, Petry Edm (delay of game) 16:38, Rinne Nash (holding; served by Sullivan) 17:54.

Third Period
3. Edmonton, Eberle 10 (Vandermeer, Cogliano) 4:35
4. Edmonton, Penner 18 (Hemsky) 6:58

Penalties — Penner Edm (slashing) 10:47, Vandermeer Edm (holding) 16:26.

Shots

Edmonton	6	11	5—22
Nashville	16	6	15—37

Goal (shots-saves) — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,6-5-6); Nashville: Rinne (L,18-14-5)(20-16), Lindback (6:58 third)(2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-2; Nashville: 0-5.
Referees — Gord Dwyer, Mike Leggo.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Don Henderson.
Att. — 14,388 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

FLAMES 3, BLACKHAWKS 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Backlund 7 (Bouma, Pardy) 14:33

Penalty — Kane Chi (hooking) 15:27.

Second Period
2. Chicago, Kane 15 (Toews, Brouwer) 5:56

Penalties — Sarich Cal (roughing) 8:05, Regehr Cal (interference) 11:03, Stalberg Chi (tripping) 15:20, Sarich Cal (clipping) 19:31.

Third Period
3. Calgary, Glencross 14 (Jokinen, Regehr) 8:37
4. Calgary, Bourque 16 (Jokinen, Iginla) 19:35 (en, pp)

Penalties — Tanguay Cal (holding stick) 8:56, Sharp Chi (goaltender interference) 13:00, Seabrook Chi (unsportsmanlike conduct) 18:46.

Shots

Chicago	3	11	9—23
Calgary	10	11	7—28

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,16-11-2); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,23-18-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 0-4; Calgary: 1-4.
Referees — Francois St-Laurent, Kelly Sutherland. **Linesmen** — Jay eSharrers, Greg Devorski.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

CANUCKS 4, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 14 (H.Sedin, Ehrhoff) 8:50
2. Vancouver, Kesler 31 (Raymond, Samuelsson) 10:00

Penalties — Rome Vcr (delay of game) 3:18, Burrows Vcr (slashing) 13:40, Neil Ott (fighting), Rome Vcr (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 16:33.

Second Period
3. Vancouver, Samuelsson 12 (Kesler, Raymond) 2:12
4. Ottawa, Foligno 9 (Spezza, Alfredsson) 5:30
5. Ottawa, Spezza 10 (Phillips) 7:17

Penalties— Vancouver bench (too many men; served by Torres) 13:42, Phillips Ott (interference) 16:39, Alberts Vcr (slashing) 20:00.

Third Period
6. Vancouver, Samuelsson 13 (Raymond) 19:28 (en)

Penalties — Foligno Ott (tripping) 6:23, Fisher Ott (slashing) 9:04.

Shots

Ottawa	12	10	11—33
Vancouver	5	13	12—30

Goal — Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-19-7); Vancouver: Luongo (W,26-8-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-4; Vancouver: 0-3.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — Shane Heyer, Brad Lazarowich.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

MLB—Suspended Washington minor league C Hector Taveras (Nationals-GCL) 25 games for his violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Major League Baseball Players Association
MLBPA—Named Matt Nussbaum assistant general counsel.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Dennys Reyes on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Designated OF Justin Ruggiano and 1B-OF Leslie Anderson for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Assigned RHP Roque Mercedes outright to Nashville (PCL).
American Association

NBA

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed F Steve Novak to a 10-day contract. Women's National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Signed C Courtney Paris. Re-signed F Chanel Mokango.

NFL

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Johnnie Lynn secondary/cornerbacks coach and Bobby April, Jr. defensive quality control coach. Promoted David Culley to senior offensive assistant/wide receivers, James Urban assistant offensive coordinator, Doug Pederson quarterbacks coach and Duce Staley special teams quality control coach.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Named Keith Millard and Grady Stretz co-defensive line coaches and Tyrone Pettaway defensive quality control coach.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Fired offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Chris Morgan assistant offensive line coach.

NHL

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled G Mike McKenna from Albany (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned F Alexandre Bolduc to Manitoba (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned C Jay Beagle to Hershey (AHL).

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

PGA TOUR

PEBBLE BEACH NATIONAL PRO-AM
Site: Pebble Beach, Calif.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Tomorrow, 3-6 p.m., 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Friday, midnight-3 a.m., 3-6 p.m., 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2-5 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, midnight-2 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-2 a.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.).
Online: www.pgatour.com

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC
Site: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Tomorrow, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 3-6 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 3:30-6 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.).
Online: www.europeantour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR

ALLIANZ CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Boca Raton, Fla.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Saturday, midnight-2 a.m., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 a.m., 7-9:30 p.m.; Monday, 2-4 a.m.).
Online: www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENT

WOMEN
AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF/LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: ANZ LADIES MASTERS,
Tomorrow-Sunday, RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Australia.
Online: www.anzladiesmasters.com.au; www.alpg.com.au; www.ladieseuropeantour.com

CURLING

ONTARIO TANKARD CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results
Third Draw
John Epping 8 Peter Corner 2
Mark Kean 9 Howard Rajala 5
Chris Gardner 12 Dale Matchett 5
Greg Balsdon 9 Nick Rizzo 5
Glenn Howard 11 Jake Higgs 2
Fourth Draw
Greg Balson 10 Dale Matchett 6
Peter Corner 8 Mark Bice 5
John Epping 9 Jake Higgs 3
Chris Gardner 5 Mark Kean 4
Glenn Howard 7 Howard Rajala 1
Monday Results
First Draw
Greg Balsdon 9 Chris Gardner 6
Peter Corner 7 Mark Kean 1
Glenn Howard 8 Mark Bice 1
Dale Matchett 6 Jake Higgs 5
Howard Rajala 7 Nick Rizzo 2
Second Draw
Mark Bice 9 John Epping 7
Peter Corner 9 Glenn Howard 5
Chris Gardner 12 Nick Rizzo 5
Mark Kean 8 Jake Higgs 4
Dale Matchett 6 Howard Rajala 5
Today's games
Fifth Draw, 9 a.m.
Jake Higgs vs. Mark Bice
Chris Gardner vs. Glenn Howard
Greg Balsdon vs. Mark Kean
Dale Matchett vs. Nick Rizzo
John Epping vs. Howard Rajala
Sixth Draw, 2 p.m.
Mark Kean vs. Nick Rizzo
John Epping vs. Chris Gardner
Mark Bice vs. Howard Rajala
Jake Higgs vs. Peter Corner
Greg Balsdon vs. Glenn Howard
Seventh Draw, 7 p.m.
Howard Rajala vs. Peter Corner
Greg Balsdon vs. John Epping
Nick Rizzo vs. Glenn Howard
Mark Kean vs. Dale Matchett
Mark Bice vs. Chris Gardner

TENNIS

ATP SAP OPEN

At San Jose, Calif.
Singles
First Round
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Xavier Malisse (4), Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
Richard Berankis, Lithuania, def. Benjamin Becker (6), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Brian Dabul, Argentina, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP ABN AMRO WORLD TOURNAMENT

At Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles
First Round
Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. David Ferrer, (3) Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Ivan Ljubicic (7), Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (8), France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-4, 0-6, 6-1.

WTA OPEN GAZ DE FRANCE SUEZ

At Paris
Singles — First Round
Kaia Kanepi (3), Estonia, def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Vesna Manasieva, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova (8), Slovakia, def. Ana Vrljic, Croatia, 6-0, 6-2.
Melanie Oudin, U.S., def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-3.
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.
Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (1).

WTA PTT PATTAYA OPEN

At PATTAYA, Thailand
Singles — First Round
Vera Zvonareva (1), Russia, def Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 6-2.
Ana Ivanovic (2), Serbia, def. Nudnida Luangnam, Thailand, 6-0, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova (4), Slovakia, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-2, 6-1.
Roberta Vinci (5), Italy, def. Ksenia Palkina, Kyrgyzstan, 6-1, 6-3.
Sara Errani (8), Italy, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Nungnadda Wannasuk, Thailand, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-4.
Elena Baltacha, Britain, def. Nicha Lertpitaksinchai, 6-2, 6-3.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-3, 6-2.
Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Romina Oprandi, Italy, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

ATP BRASIL OPEN

At Costa Do Sauipe, Brazil
Singles — First Round
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Victor Hanescu (8), Romania, 7-5, 6-1.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.
Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, def. Fernando Romboli, Brazil, 6-4, 6-2.
Joao Souza, Brazil, def. Guilherme Clezar, Brazil, 6-3, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	38	13	.745	—
d-Miami	38	14	.731	½
d-Chicago	34	16	.680	3½
Atlanta	33	19	.635	5½
Orlando	33	20	.623	6
New York	26	24	.520	11½
Philadelphia	24	27	.471	14
Charlotte	22	29	.431	16
Indiana	21	28	.429	16
Milwaukee	20	30	.400	17½
Detroit	19	33	.365	19½
New Jersey	15	37	.288	23½
Toronto	14	38	.269	24½
Washington	13	37	.260	24½
Cleveland	8	44	.154	30½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	43	8	.843	—
Dallas	36	15	.706	7
d-L.A. Lakers	36	16	.692	7½
d-Oklahoma City	33	18	.647	10
New Orleans	32	21	.604	12
Utah	31	22	.585	13
Denver	30	22	.577	13½
Portland	28	24	.538	15½
Memphis	28	26	.519	16½
Phoenix	24	25	.490	18
Houston	25	29	.463	19½
Golden State	22	28	.440	20½
L.A. Clippers	19	32	.373	24
Minnesota	13	39	.250	30½
Sacramento	12	36	.250	29½

d – division leader

Last night's results
Philadelphia 117 Atlanta 83
Orlando 101 L.A. Clippers 85
San Antonio 100 Detroit 89
Miami 117 Indiana 112
Milwaukee 92 Toronto 74
Memphis 105 Oklahoma City 101 (OT)
Minnesota 112 Houston 108

Monday's results
Charlotte 94 Boston 89
L.A. Lakers 93 Memphis 84
Minnesota 104 New Orleans 92
Dallas 99 Cleveland 96
Houston 108 Denver 103
Portland 109 Chicago 103
Utah 107 Sacramento 104
Phoenix 104 Golden State 92

Tonight's games
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	6	4	2	.667	69	59	—
Buffalo	5	3	2	.600	53	50	½
Rochester	5	3	2	.600	49	54	½
Boston	7	4	3	.571	64	53	½
Philadelphia	6	3	3	.500	52	56	1

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	6	4	2	.667	71	69	—
Minnesota	5	3	2	.600	58	52	½
Washington	6	3	3	.500	69	72	1
Colorado	5	1	4	.200	47	51	2½
Edmonton	5	0	5	.000	44	59	3½

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Engine performance

Gone from the Mazda5 is the 2.3-litre four-cylinder engine. It's replaced with a standard 2.5-litre four-cylinder powerplant that's also found in the Mazda3 and Mazda6 passenger cars plus the base CX-7 tall wagon.

For its role in the Mazda5, the 2.5 produces 157 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, which is a slight improvement over the 2.3.

Six-rider seating

The Mazda5 platform is based on the Mazda3 sedan/hatchback, but for the Mazda5 it has been stretched by about 13 centimetres between the front and rear wheels to squeeze in a third-row seat.

That means six riders in a three-by-two arrangement.

Versatile interior

This mini minivan is actually a hair shorter than the Mazda3 sedan, which will restrict the amount of gear you can cram into the back when all chairs are occupied.

However, the highly versatile interior allows you to fold flat either or both of the sliding and reclining second-row buckets, or the 50:50 split folding rear bench to create the exact mix of people and cargo.

If it wasn't for the non-folding front-row passenger seat back, the maximum cargo capacity could be considered exceptional.

▶ The Mazda5 splits the difference between the five-passenger Mazda3 wagon and a conventional minivan. In terms of size, it will likely only come up short if the six chairs are filled and cargo space for all aboard is required. For running the kids and their sports equipment around town, it'll do just fine.

Mazda5: An alternative to the minivan

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For on-the-go families who don't require massive minivan space, the compact Mazda5 presents a reasonable alternative to a regular-size minivan or even a junior sport utility vehicle.

Steadily increasing fuel prices are on many new-car-buyers' minds, along with finding ways to reduce overall operating expenses while maintaining or increasing the level of versatility that their vehicles can deliver.

A modicum of driving enjoyment would definitely add some frosting to the cake.

The original and somewhat anonymous Mazda5 that was introduced for the 2006 model year managed to deliver on all counts and the updated 2012 edition promises more of the same, except the anonymity part.

In essence, the Mazda5 is the complete minivan package, minus the size and capacity of its much bigger competitors, of course, but also without their much higher list prices and their bigger appetites at the gas pumps.

For stylish, eco-minded families, it doesn't really get much better than this.

▶ Compared to the Mazda3 wagon, the Mazda5 has a taller roofline and seating for six people instead of five. But what this photo illustrates is that carrying large objects pretty much kills all the passenger space.

▶ A look at the Mazda5 steering wheel and dashboard.

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Fuel economy for the Mazda5 is estimated at 9.7 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway with either manual or automatic transmission, which is roughly the same as on the previous powertrain.

Mazda5

What you should know about the 2012 Mazda5:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive, six-passenger wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (157).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual (std.); five-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.

By comparison

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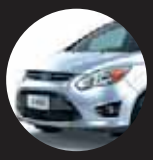

Dodge Journey
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▶ 2006 Pontiac Solstice

The 4-1-1

- **Models:** Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky
- **Vehicle Type:** 2-seat convertibles
- **Approximate used price range:** $18,000 to $26,000

The Pontiac Solstice and its corporate twin, the Saturn Sky, launched in model years 2006 and 2007, respectively. Two-seat, soft-top convertibles, the vehicles enjoyed short life spans before being axed due to GM's financial segue into modern times.

The Pontiac and Saturn brands are no longer with us, but both of their recent convertibles are available in the used market for reasonably affordable prices.

Since the vehicles were basically identical albeit some cosmetics, this review applies to both models.

Engines, gearboxes and chassis components were shared between the pair of roadsters, and included a four-wheel independent suspension, rear-wheel drive, automatic or manual transmissions and front-mounted choice of four-cylinder engines. Said engines included a 2.4 litre ECOTEC unit with 177 horsepower, or a two-litre ECOTEC turbo mill with 260.

Models with the latter engine were called the Pontiac Solstice "GXP" or Saturn Sky "Redline." These high-powered models delivered very pleasing performance, but require premium fuel and will burn it more quickly. Insurance rates will also likely be higher.

What Owners Like

Overall value, fun-to-drive dynamics, performance, looks and fuel economy were all highly rated on the Sky and Solstice twins by their owners.

What Owners Hate

Most owners say they wished for more interior storage space, a larger trunk, and easier entry and exit to the two-seat cockpit.

Many also note that folding the soft top down was a more time-consuming process than in competing models, like the Mazda MX-5.

Interior trim materials and quality rounded out the complaints.

Common Issues

If the model you're considering has the turbocharged engine and exhibits an erratic idle or "misfire" between about 2000 and 3000 rpm, a bad engine management sensor may be to blame.

The Sky and Solstice aren't free of electronics-related issues like these, so if any seem to be presenting themselves, be sure to have a GM-trained mechanic figure out why. Note that "bad" or "low octane" gas may make the turbo engine run in a limited output mode or with a lumpy, sporadic power delivery.

Ensure the trunk release works properly, and be sure to cycle the roof between its "up" and "down" positions, ensuring proper operation and checking for rips, tears and duct-tape patches.

If the roof feels difficult to erect or shows signs of damage, call it into pricing negotiations. A visit to your local GM dealer with your used Solstice or Sky candidate is highly recommended.

The Verdict

If everything checks out with the used Solstice or Sky you're considering, you'll be well on your way to a stylish and entertaining top-down motoring experience for two.

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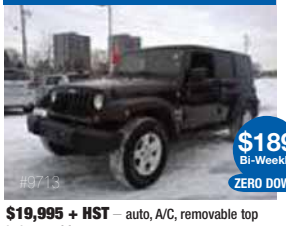

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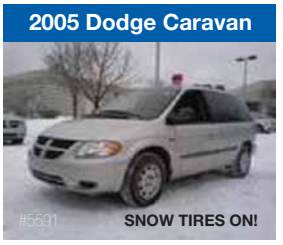

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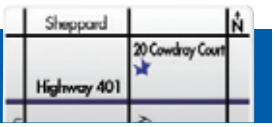

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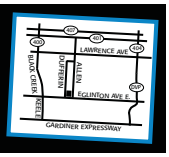

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CHEVROLET NEWS PHOTO

▶ The 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible was awarded to Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rogers after the Green Bay quarterback led his club to a championship victory on Sunday over Pittsburgh.

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I was trolling through the list of super-new vehicles that will be at the upcoming auto show in Toronto, and two caught my eye: the 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible and the 2012 Hyundai Veloster.

Both look fantastic. But these new debuts once again reinforce how two major demographic groups are yanking the chains of the automakers in different directions.

Camaro's target audience is obviously the baby-boom generation. Perhaps you've heard of them?

Following the baby boom is Generation X, a much smaller crowd. But Generation Y, also referred to as, "The Millennial Generation," and/or, "The Echo Boom," is actually a very sizeable cohort.

With more and more baby-boom drivers gradually moving on to more non-driving activities, like shuffling to the washroom every 15 minutes, Gen Y-ers are poised to be the "driving force" in the market.

But just not yet.

Baby boomers are still by far the largest group out there, and will continue to be, even after 2013, when most of them will be 60 years or older.

Not only are there fewer Gen-Y people, they aren't as uniformly "car crazy" as their elders; many aren't interested in driving at all, and many hold off getting cars and/or their licenses until their 20s.

But among them are those who love their vehicles just as much as any previous generation.

The Hyundai Veloster is aimed squarely at Gen-Y folks.

This "three-door" sports coupe will compete directly against Mini Cooper, Honda CR-Z and Scion tC.

The tC is new to Canada, but in the U.S., where it has been sold for a few years now, it has the distinction of attracting the youngest owners (medium age 24 years) of any nameplate on the market.

The original Camaro followed Ford Mustang into the so-called "Pony Car" segment, which would also ultimately include Firebird, Challenger, Barracuda, Javelin, AMX and Cougar.

Back in their heyday, these cars made a splash because they were lighter and faster and better looking than family sedans.

In other words, they were the "young person's ride" — like the Veloster is now.

But in 2011 these Pony cars are strictly a middle-aged person's proposition, and only for those with certain aesthetic sensibilities and generous credit lines.

It's obvious the Veloster and other modern sports coupes do a way better job crossing over to other demographics.

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So let's keep them coming, and maybe ease off a bit on the nostalgia trip.

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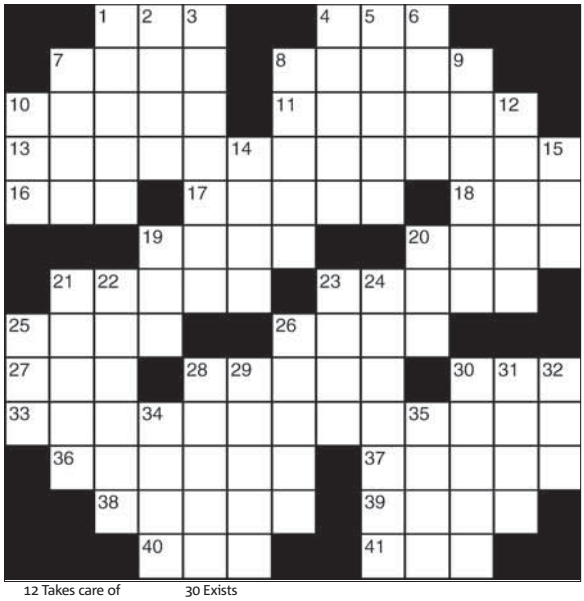

Across
1 Buddy
4 Peculiar
7 Miss America's ID
8 Sailing boat
10 Heart line?
11 Least active
13 Buttonwoods, e.g.
16 Oom follower
17 Coffin stands
18 Game with "Skip" cards
19 Make one's way
20 Tosses in
21 Ignite
23 Casual shirts
25 Singer Redding
26 Throw forcefully
27 Music genre
28 Whiskers
30 Mauna —
33 Worry of an "overnight success"
36 Engine type
37 Skit show
38 Mother-of-pearl
39 Dregs
40 Your
41 Cen. fractions

Down
1 Parade
2 "The Thin Man" dog
3 Room
4 Having seniority
5 Foolish fellows
6 Active one
7 Protein-rich bean
8 Fathered
9 False
10 Venomous viper
12 Takes care of
14 Pig's remark
15 "Help!"
19 Existed
20 The whole enchilada
21 Left one's seat
22 Apple variety
23 Kitten's sound
24 Neat
25 Chances, for short
26 Non-native, to Hawaiians
28 "The Garden of Earthly Delights" artist
29 Abrasive powder
30 Exists
31 Burden
32 Big hatchet
34 Warmth
35 Scoff

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

			1				2	3
	9		3				7	
		5			6	8		
9				8	1			
	2	1				4	5	
			9	2				8
		3	5			7		
	8				7		1	
6	7				4			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	3	4	1	2	5	6	8	9
8	5	6	9	4	3	1	2	7
1	9	2	7	8	6	4	5	3
2	8	3	5	6	1	9	7	4
6	7	9	4	3	2	8	1	5
5	4	1	8	9	7	3	6	2
9	2	5	6	1	4	7	3	8
4	6	7	3	5	8	2	9	1
3	1	8	2	7	9	5	4	6

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Maju, I la-la-lavs you most muchy! Thank you for your patience. U've been amazing. **KURVISH MAYCHE, HE HE!**

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Thursday -9°/-14° Partly cloudy
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Someone new is about to come into your life and give you the emotional boost you've been craving. Whether the relationship stands the test of time remains to be seen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will get the chance to shine today and you must not let it pass you by. Important people are watching you. If they like what they see, you could be moving up in the world quicker than you expected.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Life is good and about to get even better. Cosmic activity in one of the most positive areas of your chart will open new doors. All you need is the courage to walk through them.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't start thinking you cannot possibly fail. The more straightforward a situation appears to be today, the more likely it is there is a hidden catch. Find it, deal with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 No one is immune to your charms. You know what words will win others over and you know it's only a matter of time before they give into your desires.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your thoughts seem to be turning to how you can make your everyday routine less of a chore. Find ways to get partners and colleagues to shoulder more of the burden. Don't even think of trying to do everything yourself.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Creatively and romantically this is a special time for you. The next few days will bring opportunities to expand in every direction. Make the most of it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Honesty is a must today. Let loved ones know what you think of them, even though some of your comments may be less than flattering. They need to know the truth.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You don't care one bit what others might think of your behaviour. You are who you are and you do what you do and if certain people don't like it that's too bad. Most likely, you'll do it even more, just to annoy them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Where money matters are concerned, you must be careful not to let things slide over the next 24 hours. The line between a profit and a loss is not as wide as you imagine.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your confidence will soar over the next few days and, seeing as it's pretty high already, others will wonder what kind of herbal remedy you are on. Keep your secret to yourself.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart means you won't find it easy to reach out to the world. But that's okay. Why should you? The world will be fine without you for a day. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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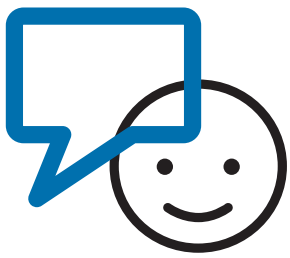

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